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MORE UK REINFORCEMENTS Palestine Withdrawal Plans Unchanged

Share Transfer Suspended

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday suspended transfer of Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Company shares after refusal to register a transfer.

Stock Exchange action followed a shareholder's complaint that the company refused to register transfer of 50 shares into his own name.

The Ferry Company refused "on a point of regularity." As the company persisted in the refusal, the Exchange suspended further dealings in its shares.

Most public limited companies reserve in their articles of association Directors' rights to refuse transfer of shares at their discretion.

The Stock Exchange regards such refusal as "grave," and failing satisfactory explanation by the company concerned, may have its shares removed from Exchange quotations.

The Ferry Company has taken no action to have its shares restored on the Exchange, the "China Mail" learned.

Nanking Reshuffle Predicted

Canton, May 3. Observers in close touch with political developments here predict a general reshuffle of key posts in Nanking and the provinces as a result of the inauguration of the new constitutional Government.

They believe that General Chang Fa-kuei or General Hsueh Yuch will be given a post as Commander-in-Chief for South China with overall authority over Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kiangsi and Hunan.

General Hsueh may command anti-Communist forces. He fought against the Reds in the early thirties and became famous as the defender of Changsha during the war.

Until recently General Chang was Director of the President's Canton headquarters.—Associated Press.

H.K. Orders Cause Boom

Singapore, May 3. Large orders for soap from Hong Kong have created a mild boom in the Singapore soap industry, despite a current high cost for coconut oil, used as the basis of the soap.

As a result the cost of popular brands of locally-made washing soap has risen \$1.50 (Strait) per case of 200 cakes in the past month, from \$12 to \$13.50.

Trade sources said many of the Hong Kong purchasers were buying soap to re-export to China, where in some large cities one bar of washing soap sells for CN\$450,000, about \$2 Straits at the current rate of exchange.—Associated Press.

Colonel Sought Protection

Berlin, May 3. Russian Lt. Col. Y. D. Tassev, missing from Bremen since April 23, sought "protective custody" of the British, it was learned from completely reliable sources today.

These same sources denied emphatically any knowledge of British intelligence agents taking Tassev to Washington.

Top American military authorities denied any knowledge of Tassev's whereabouts. They said it was extremely unlikely he could have been taken to the United States by British agents without their being informed.—United Press.

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Troops Enforcing Jaffa Truce

Jerusalem, May 3. Additional British reinforcements—including heavy tanks—were reported on the way to Palestine today as both Jews and Arabs observed a 48-hour truce in Jerusalem.

While fighting subsided in the Holy City, Jews insisted—despite denials—that regular army troops from Syria and Lebanon have invaded northern Palestine.

The British called the truce between Jews and Arabs in the southern Katamon quarter of Jerusalem for negotiations toward a truce to cover the whole city and its Christian, Jewish and Moslem shrines.

The Highland Light Infantry was enforcing the truce. It apparently was being respected today not only in Katamon but over the entire city. Not a single shot was heard in either the city's old or new quarters but sporadic fighting was audible from some outer suburbs.

SURRENDER
12 DAYS OFF

With at least 1,000 British reinforcements already landed in Palestine, the British Admiralty in London announced today that the cruiser Newcastle is "demonstrating off Jaffa, Arab port city where British troops also are entering a truce. Jews captured much of the northernmost quarter of the city last week in a drive from Tel-Aviv.

The Admiralty announcement said the 3,000-ton cruiser, flagship of the British Mediterranean Fleet, left Port Said at the north end of the Suez Canal yesterday. She has a peace-time complement of about 800 officers and men.

In London the British Foreign Office said the Government's action in increasing its armed forces in Palestine does not mean any change in its plan to surrender the Holy Land mandate 12 days hence.

A spokesman told a news conference the only reason for increasing British strength in Palestine is to carry out responsibilities for maintaining law and order there until the mandate ends.

He said after May 15 British troops will be used only for their own protection until after their final withdrawal, set for August 1.

About 1,000 British troops in full battle-dress arrived in Haifa on Saturday from Cyprus, as the vanguard of new forces the British said they were rushing to Palestine to cope with a "seriously deteriorating" situation.

In Jerusalem the Jews and Arabs agreed to a 48-hour truce in their three-day battle for Katamon quarter.

"NO SYRIANS
IN SIGHT"

Sir Henry Gurney, Chief Secretary for the Palestine Government, intervened to effect a cease fire order. He expressed the hope the truce would be extended to include all of the holy city.

The newly arrived troops were part of a force of Marine Commandos sent to re-export to New Britain the British Army said was on its way from Malta and Cyprus.

The announcement made no mention of reports yesterday from Jewish and Arab sources that Palestine had been invaded by Arab armies from the north and south.

The Royal Air Force sent reconnaissance planes over the entire northern frontier area and reported "no Syrians in sight."

The British troops arrived in Haifa on board the troopship Empire Test. A high officer with them said they will be used in the most necessary areas where trouble develops.

It was the first time since the British began large scale evacuation that major reinforcements were returned to Palestine.

"As long as we have the mandate until May 15, we certainly will keep order in the big cities," the officer added.

A small detachment of Royal Marine Commandos arrived recently from Hong Kong to augment forces guarding the port area in Haifa. Some units appeared as guards around Haifa's military headquarters security area.

The army, statement on the new arrivals blamed the deterioration to "unwarranted aggression" in Jaffa by Irgun Zvai

Taft's Bid For Negro Vote

Cleveland, May 3. Senator Robert Taft said today that the anti-lynch bill would be brought before the Senate this month and predicted that the Republican majority would bring it to the vote despite filibustering.

The senior Ohio Senator made a last-minute round of speaking appearances in Cleveland's negro district today, winding up a campaign in this area against Harold Stassen of Minnesota for 23 of the State's 53 delegates in Tuesday's primary.

"We hope to bring the anti-lynch bill before the Senate this month and put through a vote closure," said Senator Taft. "I think we can succeed and pass our entire Civil Rights programme."

Senator Taft listed the Republican civil rights programme as an anti-lynch bill, anti-poll tax bill and a fair employment practices act.—United Press.

USSR LOAN

London, May 3. The Soviet Council of Ministers in Moscow today decreed a new "Third State Loan for the rehabilitation and development of the economy of the USSR amounting to 20,000,000,000 roubles," Moscow Radio announced today.—United Press.

Farran's Brother Killed By Parcel Bomb

Wolverhampton, England, May 3. A parcel bomb addressed to Captain Roy Farran, acquitted of killing a Jewish boy in Palestine, exploded today, killing his brother, Rex Farran.

The bomb, enclosed in a copy of Shakespeare's plays, was delivered at the Farran home this morning. Rex, aged 26, was alone in the house. The explosion shattered windows.

Police said the parcel was mailed in England. The inside of the book had been cut away to make room for the bomb.

The Jewish youth, Alexander Rubowitz, disappeared last May. The Stern gang, Jewish underground organization in Palestine, claimed him as a member.

The military court which acquitted Roy Farran, ruled that Rubowitz had not been proved dead. He was abducted while posting signs for the Jewish underground.

The prosecution based its case largely on a light gray hat which it said was found nearby and bore the name Farran.

In February, King George VI decorated Farran for his part in the French and Italian campaigns. A War Office spokesman said Farran recently was demobilized and his whereabouts was unknown.—Associated Press.

Volcanic Activity

Honolulu, May 3. The navy and police today were investigating reports of an underwater volcanic activity off the north shore of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands, on which Honolulu is situated.

The report of the activity—were received from a boat station at Haleiwa, 40 miles north of Honolulu.

The Hawaii police said they had received similar reports. In both accounts said the ocean water boiled and sulfur smoke came from a reef a mile offshore for about an hour on Sunday afternoon.—United Press.

Father Taking Ill Airman-Son Home

Leaving the Colony tomorrow on H.M.T. "Lancashire" will be Airman B. Nichols of the Royal Air Force, Kai-Tak, who is being repatriated to the United Kingdom on medical grounds, and travelling with him will be his father, Mr. A. Nichols of Dartford, Kent.

Aircraftman Nichols collapsed after competing in a long distance race during the Quadrangular Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill on February 21 and was admitted to the British Military Hospital.

On March 2, the case was diagnosed as Meningitis and three days later the illness scheme was originated. Under this scheme, the next-of-kin of members of the Forces who become dangerously ill whilst overseas, may, in certain circumstances, be flown out to see their relatives.

The scheme is operated by the Services, in conjunction with the British Red Cross Society. Mr. Nichols was offered an air

PICTURE OF THE DAY

'Just Like
The Ivy'



Blown by a strong gust of wind, the bride's veil clings to the ivy on the wall. The incident occurred at the wedding of Sheila, youngest daughter of the late Ramsay MacDonald, and Andrew Van Flyke Lochhead at Hampstead a fortnight ago. (A. P. Photo)

CHIANG CHALLENGES MOUNTING REBELLION IN KUOMINTANG PARTY

Nanking, May 3. Challenging a mounting rebellion within his own party, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today promised to crush the Chinese Communists even if it killed him.

"Bowed by heavy burdens I will exhaust every ounce of my strength in this great cause though I die," the Generalissimo told 1,000 Kuomintang members who are delegates to China's just concluded National Assembly.

Chiang's voice broke with emotion as he told the secret meeting that he had heard murmurs of dissatisfaction against the Government and disbelief in his own April 9 report to the nation.

At that time, he said economic conditions were not grave and though it had lost seven divisions in Manchuria, "Nationalist China will not collapse in six months, six years or even 60 years."

"You must believe what I said," he told delegates in the first of the scheduled three-day session. "I will not deceive you. I will lead you to destroy the Communists."

"Not Deceived"

"Many of you," he continued, "said I was deceived. I assure you I was not. Many of your speeches on grievances of the people attacked the Government."

Chiang's address contrasted sharply to the speech of Prince Hu, policy made to the Assembly on its closing day.

It coincided with the rising clamour for a shakeup of the ruling Kuomintang party, target for many attacks in the Vice-Presidential election.

Delegates' Charge

A member from Shantung Province, said Chiang's State of Nation report erred in describing military losses. They had been far greater than he claimed, this delegate charged.

He reiterated the Generalissimo was misled by his subordinates and advisers.

Yuan Hsing-chieh, woman delegate from Kiangsu, asked for reforms with the Kuomintang if it wishes to survive.

"The Kuomintang's decline and loss of popularity is due to the fact that a great number of adventurers have slipped into the party for personal political power through cliques. These persons should be eliminated, otherwise the Kuomintang cannot have a rebirth."

Though the Government has entered upon Constitutional rule, "everyone knows that it is the same old story under Kuomintang control," she said.—Associated Press.

TOMORROW'S HOLIDAY

The Department of Imports & Exports will be closed on Wednesday, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The Government Public Relations Office and its public Reading Room will be closed on the same day.

Tomorrow being a general holiday, all summonses scheduled for hearing at the Kowloon Courts on that date have been adjourned to May 12.

New Zealanders To Withdraw From Japan

Kure, May 3. New Zealand army personnel of the British Commonwealth occupation forces will return to New Zealand between July and September this year but the air force squadron will continue to represent New Zealand in the occupation, Commonwealth Headquarters here announced today.

The statement, concurrently released in Wellington by Defence Minister M. F. Jones, said: "Because of the completion of many of the BCOF's tasks and the New Zealand Government's desire to manpower, it has been decided that New Zealanders will not be replaced in the BCOF."

The statement said the move was approved by the British Government.—United Press.

Tsingtao Plane Rescue

Tsingtao, May 2. Sixteen persons, including passengers and crew, were rescued today after a Marine C-40 transport plane landed in an emergency on the sea half a mile off Huaghiyal.

A short time after leaving the airfield, the pilot sent a radio message stating that the plane was having motor trouble and planning an emergency landing.

Observation planes and two U.S. gunboats set out, reached the scene where the transport was riding on the waves and all aboard were taken off.

The crippled plane was towed to the shore.—United Press.

Presidential Inauguration Postponed

Nanking, May 3. Inauguration of China's newly elected President and Vice-President has been postponed to a date not yet decided on.

Originally scheduled for May 3—the date of the return two years ago of Nanking as the national capital—it is being held up by delays in the formation of a new Legislative Yuan.

Government sources say it will be an empty thing for Chiang Kai-shek and Li Tsung-jen to assume the new posts while a popularly elected Yuan is not ready for session.

Dispute over candidates to the Yuan who won election independently of the Kuomintang Party annation is holding up the meeting originally scheduled for a week after the close of the National Assembly—May 8.

The Government is refusing to accept non-Kuomintang victors. At the same time, two minor parties, Democratic Socialists and Young China, were demanding a total of 150 seats.

Chen Li-fu, Kuomintang Minister of Organization, told the Associated Press that a compromise solution appears impossible, since popularly elected candidates are insisting on being recognized.

It is difficult, he said, to ask them to give up their seats since they were chosen from big districts.

It was felt the minority parties might be satisfied if they could be seated later through vacancies created by appointments to Government jobs.

Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan who tendered his resignation recently, is being asked by the Kuomintang to continue to serve.—Associated Press.

The Weather

An anti-cyclone covers China, pressure remains high. East of Japan from a depression over Indo-China. A vigorous trough stretches along the South China coast then N.E. to a rapidly deepening N.Eastward moving depression in the Sea of Japan.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds. Weather—unsettled and showery with some fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 82.2 deg. Fah. Minimum 70.0 deg. Fah. Humidity: 85 per cent. Rainfall: 0.1 mm. = 0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—211.9 mm. = 8.38 in. as against an average of 121.1 mm. = 4.77 in.

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Pan-American
Conference
Ended

Bogota, Colombia, May 2.—The Economic Committee of the Ninth Pan-American conference wound up the work of the conference today by voting final approval of a new world economic pact. The agreement was submitted for approval in Spanish text. The English, French and Portuguese versions are being prepared.

The United States assistant Secretary of State, Norman Armour, and the United States delegate, William D. Pawley, signed the Spanish text shortly before noon in order to leave on schedule for Miami, Florida, in Pawley's special plane.

Members of several other delegations also signed the original document rather than wait for translations.

The Committee voted to allow various delegations until May to file observations and corrections to the pact.

"Back-Pay
Ditty"

Local nurses and European members of the Police Force have, as the result of their long wait for the promised back-pay, popularised a new song which, the "China Mail" learned from various sources, is catching on like a forest fire.

Sung to the tune of "My Bonnie lies far over the ocean," the new theme song goes something like this:

"My back-pay must be an illusion,
My back-pay must be a dream.
My back-pay has become a fiction,
Oh, give back my back-pay to me."

LOST HIS NERVE

A pickpocket lost his nerve after stealing a fountain pen from an unknown person at the Star Ferry Wharf last Saturday.

Yu Sang stole the pen and attempted to board a launch. But he found the gate closing him out. Cornered, Yu handed the pen to his victim, who promptly reported the matter to a constable.

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday, Yu was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment.

STRANGE OBJECT
OBSERVED

A ball of bluish light about half the size of the moon in diameter streaked across a cloudless sky over Hong Kong late on Sunday night, according to an observer's report.

The object, seen from the "Prognosis" at high speed, disappeared in a westerly direction. It disappeared behind the western end of the Peak in a few seconds. The ball did not have the characteristic tail of a meteor.

Reminders

Today
Union Church Management Committee meeting, Judiciary's Board Room.
Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Talking for Living" by Col. E.D. Brainer-Creagh, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Exhibition of oil paintings & water colours by Luis Chan, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Whit Drive, European Y.M.C.A., West Lounge, 8 p.m.
Photographic Club meeting (Ladies' Section), European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
General Holiday for celebrating election of Pres. Chiang Kai-shek.
Exhibition of oil paintings & water colours by Luis Chan, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
Y's Men's Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

POP

Dr. Digby's Driver
Freed From Charge

Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam dismissed the summons against Wong Siu-ming, chauffeur of Dr. K. H. Digby, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for driving without due care and attention.

The Magistrate pointed out that the evidence was extremely conflicting on material points.

The evidence of Insp. Eggleston, Mr. Tam stated, was weak, while defendant gave a plausible explanation of the incident which was corroborated by his employer, Dr. Digby, and Dr. She Man-mul.

Mr. D. B. Evans, representing defendant, in his closing address, submitted that the evidence of the complaint was entirely uncorroborated in every material respect.

He pointed out that certain discrepancies in the evidence were glaring, and that some person or persons on one side or the other was deliberately fabricating a tale.

Criticising the prosecution's conduct of the case, Mr. Evans recalled that at the last hearing his application for an adjournment was objected to on the ground that the defendant had already given his evidence and that should the proceedings be adjourned then the counsel would appear as witnesses of what had occurred in the box. That was an insight into the mental process and attitude of the inspector, counsel added.

"Gratuitous Insult"

It was not only a gratuitous insult to himself (counsel) but also to his witnesses, both gentlemen of such high professional standing.

The prosecuting officer contended that the evidence of the prosecution was not challenged and the defence appeared to rest on the allegation that the police car was speeding.

It was the opinion of the prosecution that defendant had a case to answer and SI Eggleston requested the Magistrate to endorse the defendant's licence.

The incident occurred near the junction of Queen's Road East, and Hennessy Road. Wong was alleged to have driven into the path of a police car driven by the inspector, thereby causing him to brake sharply to avoid a collision.

The defence alleged that the police car was approaching at such a fast pace that Dr. Digby thought that "some maniac was after them," and Dr. She thought that "some kind of a road test" was on.

Flying
Boxcar
Contract

Washington, May 2.—The U. S. Air Force today announced the award of a USS\$5,000,000 contract to the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation for 20 C-82 flying boxcar transports.

The ships are the first of a fleet which General Jacob Devers, chief of the Army field forces, hopes will make the Army completely transportable by air from now to tanks.

The planes ordered will serve as replacements until Fairchild can begin delivering the new C-119, the advanced and vastly improved version of the C-82.

The C-82 has a fuselage wide enough to hold a truck and has a carrying capacity of five tons. The Army estimates 700 planes would carry a division and all its equipment, except medium tanks.

The Army also says the division could leap forward 150 miles at a crack and expand and be supplied completely by air.

Double Suicide
Attempt

Tokyo, May 3.—Two waitresses came up with a new twist in the favorite Japanese pastime of double suicide when they tried and failed to drown themselves. Both were in love with the same man, who would not have either of them.

Yoko Hori, 19 and her friend, Ayuko Fujisaki, 20, discovered they both were smitten with a 28-year-old porter at Tokyo's plush Yoko Hotel which is frequented by foreign business men.

After comparing brush-offs, both girls left Tokyo for the seaside resort of Atami on Sunday. There they hired a rowboat, rowed out into the bay, swallowed sleeping tablets and dived overboard.

Other pleasure seekers saw them and effected their rescue. The girls were taken to hospital where they were in a critical condition.

Police Charged With
Assaulting Foki

Proceedings against Sub-Ins. N. A. Clarke, Det. P.C. Lau Hoi-nam and P.C. Chan Po-wah arraigned for unlawful detention and injurious assault of a rice shop foki, Kwong Shing, continued at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, OBE, Senior Police Superintendent, prosecuted, while Mr. A. S. C. Comer, Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Remedios and Mr. Alfred Hon represented the accused. All pleaded not guilty.

Chan Yeuk-ping, mistress of the rice stall where Kwong Shing, the principal witness, was employed, told the Court that at 10.35 p.m. on Feb. 4, Chan, ordered some rice from inside a police car. She had none and told them so. Incidentally, someone had ordered rice from her stall recently and had not paid.

The police car left without incident but returned at 11.15 p.m. with a charcoal container and a water-tin, accusing her of obstruction.

The following day she reported to Mr. Shaftain's office because she knew one Lee Lap who worked there. There, witnesses, she received certain instructions.

On the night of Feb. 5, the constable returned with others and asked whether she knew that a new regulation permitted stalls to open until 10 p.m.

Witness said she reported the incident again.

No P.I. Food
For Japs

Manila, May 3.—Filipino officials negotiating with Major-General Daniel Noco, Chief of the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army on restoration of full trade relations with Japan, took the stand that Japan could not expect to import food from the Philippines.

The group, headed by Secretary of Commerce, Placido Mapa, declared all excess sugar production is destined for the United States. If Japan wants Philippine rice, it must first obtain allocation from the International Emergency Food Council in Washington.

Rice exports are held out of question in view of Philippine rice production being far below domestic requirements.

Japanese textiles would be permitted entry here only under restrictions as to quality.

Noco explained that United States policy was aimed to lighten the occupational burden by making Japan and Germany as self-sufficient as possible.

did not become too often. She had no intention of reporting to Mr. Shaftain. She only talked it over with her friend, Lee, casually.

Hearing was then adjourned to today at 2.30 p.m.

Brick Theft

For the larceny of 100 bricks from outside 2 Austin Road, Lam Shing-kee (21) was sentenced to four months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled by Mr. W. H. Lallimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Accused was seen by Watchman Li Wo at 5.20 a.m. on May 3 digging for bricks outside the house. He had 100 bricks, valued at \$5, by his side.

Defendant was arrested by Police constables 1184 and 213 in Canton Road near Navy Street. Accused was convicted for larceny on March 5 last.

Clerk Fined \$3,000
For Theft From
Employers

E. F. Passos, 32-year-old clerk of Anderson Moyer & Co., was yesterday fined \$3,000 or 20 months' hard labour and to refund \$1,000 to the Company or serve one month for non-payment.

Passos was charged on 10 counts of larceny by servant from his company's godowns at the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, North Point. He pleaded guilty to all the charges.

Inspector Lam Yuen-hon from Shaikwan said defendant, a trusted servant, on April 22, telephoned the Sheung Yuet Electric Company asking them if they wanted to buy bulbs at 60 cents a piece. Because he had sold to them on previous occasions, the company trusted him and closed a deal. The defendant then signed a delivery order to the godown-keeper who handed to a transportation company the cartons of bulbs.

Denied Receiving

On the same day, the keeper went to the company's head office and asked the cashier whether he had received the money for the order.

The cashier denied receiving any money and the matter was promptly reported to Mr. Portrude who handed defendant over to police.

Insp. Lam said that defendant had assisted police in every way and had admitted to the other nine charges.

Pickpocket
Trapped

John Ho, business manager of the China Mutual Trading Company, who lost his fountain pen in Connaught Road Central last Friday, had a hunch that he would get his pen if he tempted him again.

Near the spot where his pocket was picked he recognised a Chinese as one who had been hanging around him on Friday. His vigilance was rewarded when he was hard-pressed for repayment he could not go and had to sell the bulbs.

Defendant pleaded that he had yielded to temptation because his son had been very ill and he had had to borrow money. When he was hard-pressed for repayment he could not go and had to sell the bulbs.

He stated that he was willing to pay the company \$1,000 compensation but declared he could not raise more money.

Former G.I.
Fined \$700

An American-Chinese G.I. who was honourably discharged on April 7, 1945, was fined \$700 by Mr. W. H. Lallimer at Kowloon yesterday when he admitted possession of four 32-magazine, two 22-magazine, 100 rounds of Remington 22/7.65 ammunition and 161 rounds of Czechoslovakian 8.35 ammunition, at Kowloon Go-downs baggage room on May 1.

Inspector J. Orem said that the baggage of Ivan Jue was searched at 2.30 p.m. on May 1 by CRO 268 the six magazines were found containing in one wooden box, and the ammunition in another box, under the clothing of accused. Defendant arrived the previous day by the s/s President Cleveland and was on his way to Mau Kong Village, Hoi Ping.

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Personalia

Departures for Southampton from Hong Kong by BOAC Special "Chimney" on Sunday were Messrs H. Machin, G.E. Burling, Chin Yun-ti, Chin Mon-jack, D. de Rome, Capt. J.C. Mitchell, Capt. C. Wynn, Miss D. Chang, Miss A.W. Hurrell, and Mrs. L. de Rome. Others aboard the aircraft were E. O. and W. T. Dale (for Calcutta), Ngo Ky, C. P. Beattism, Lee Kook-on, and Mrs. Ngo Tung-to for Bangkok.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced.

Mr. Mervyn Collett, teacher of 21C Cameron Road, Kowloon to Miss Agueda Lay of the same address.

Mr. Frederick Arthur Broadbridge, of 4A Hart Avenue to Miss Leander Wong, 301 Prince Edward Road.

The marriage between Sub-inspector Vinty Leonard Veriga of the Hong Kong Police and Miss Aileen Elizabeth Thirlwell took place before the Registrar of Marriages at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Witnesses to the wedding were Mr. L. Kallott and Mr. J. Havelaar.

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ALLEGED ROBBERS, KIDNAPPERS CAUGHT IN POLICE AMBUSH

The story of the arrest of an alleged armed robber and kidnapper by a Police ambush (comprising Sub-Inspector Chan Siu-shun, Det. 1696 and P.C. 1409) on April 14, and subsequent raids by the Shataukok Police in villages in that district as well as on two houses at Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong, was related to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr by Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall at Kowloon Court yesterday when Lower Court proceedings were opened.

Cheung Fook (20), farmer, of Sha Lo Tung Village, Tai-po, and Tsui Shun-hung (30), village guard of Shataukok (Chinese Territories), were committed for trial on the charges of armed robbery and kidnapping (or, alternatively, illegal detention) of Chan

Chong-yuen between April 11 and April 14.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appeared for the first accused, while Tsui was not legally represented.

According to DSI Wall, complaint was a travelling trader residing in an unnumbered house, belonging to Yau Hok-ching (an official of the Chinese Government operating in the Chinese section of Shataukok), with Yau and his assistant Wong Pui and a friend, Li Kai-kin.

At 11 p.m. on April 11, Chan and his friend were awakened by a torch shining on their faces. They were told to get up and were then robbed by three men, allegedly armed. Chan said that he lost \$4,000 in cash, wristwatch and a gold ring, while his friend also lost some property.

Blindfolded

Complainant, continued DSI Wall, was then blindfolded and led up to a hill off Border Road. He was detained in a pillbox for a few days and, it was alleged, guarded by first accused.

On the following morning complainant was given some food and cigarettes and told that he had to pay a ransom of \$10,000. This amount was subsequently reduced to \$7,000, at which Chan wrote a letter to his friend Yau Hok-ching requesting him to dispose of his (Chan's) goods to raise that sum and to send Wong Pui with it to the Tung Wa bridge at 5 p.m. the following night.

Chan, said DSI Wall, also wrote to his partner Yau Ying-wah to raise that amount. In both letters he enjoined them not to report the matter to the Police.

On April 14, first defendant told complainant that he was going out to speak to another guard outside, but in reality he went down to the village to purchase food. Chan seized the opportunity to escape and ran down to Shataukok where a report was made at the Police Station.

Ambush

As Chan was unable to lead the Police to the exact location of the pillbox, an ambush was laid by the Police midway between Pak Kung Au and Shataukok. First accused was arrested by the officers in that party and, when questioned by DSI Chan, first gave his occupation as a shop-fork and later as a farmer.

Det. Sub-Inspector Howlett, in the meantime, proceeded to search for the pillbox but failed to locate the one Chan

was detained in. On information supplied by first defendant, the Police found the pillbox and two blankets and a raincoat which Chan identified as having been stolen from his house. They were also told by accused that the other two men involved in the robbery had not been seen for a couple of days.

The Police contacted Yau Hok-ching and, as the result of information supplied by him, carried out raids at the villages in the Shataukok area as well as at 73 and 75 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong. No trace could, however, be found of either Ng Sang alias Ng Kwong and Ng Sang alias Ng Tsai-sung, nor of Tung Man-ping, the alleged mastermind behind the job.

"Trust Me"

At 8.15 p.m. the same evening, SI Chan proceeded to an unnumbered hut at Tam Shui Hang Village, Shataukok, and there took into custody the second defendant who, at first, claimed to be a student, then Lee, and finally admitted to being Tsui Shun-hung. When about to be handcuffed, testified SI Chan, he said, "Do not handcuff me. Trust me. Go and arrest Wong Pui at once. That will clear up the case."

After corroborative evidence of arrest had been given, Mr. Tsui was committed to the custody of cautioned statements made before him. First accused admitted having stolen \$1,017 worth of property and having been paid \$50 for keeping guard. Second defendant said that he was asked to give his revolver to Ng Sang by Wong Yau-ching and to follow the gang, to keep an eye on his gun. He was given \$100 after the robbery.

Chan Ming, said Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, might be only 18 years of age but he was well-known to the Police as a professional snatcher who picked on women as his victims.

He had four previous convictions and was banished for five years on Aug. 2, 1947. In imposing concurrent sentences of a year's hard labour on two charges of snatching and one of returning from banishment, Mr. W. H. Latimer remarked, "We don't want to keep this man in the Colony longer than we can help."

Defendant was also sentenced to 10 strokes of the cane, and recommended to be re-banished. Accused, said DSI Morrison, was arrested by Det. 1201, after a long chase, in response to shouts by Sang Ah-ku, married woman, after she had her earnings snatched in Wang Sing Lane at 12 noon on April 30.

Inquiries revealed that defendant was also responsible for a snatching case in the same locality on March 18.

Demanded \$300 From Mistress's Husband

You Loi (28) ship repairer, was angry when his 22-year-old mistress, Chung Ying, left him on Jan. 24 for another man, after they had lived together for over a year at an unnumbered hut at Sai Tau Village, Kowloon City.

The separation, said Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth when Yau appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon charged with demanding money with menaces, was approved by the S.C.A. on Jan. 24, when it was also agreed that neither Yau nor Chung would interfere with each other again.

On Feb. 13, Yau called on Chung's new husband, Kwok Yui, at an unnumbered hut outside Kowloon Tong and told him that if he wanted to keep his wife he had to pay \$300. Kwok

refused, and was again visited at 5.30 p.m. on April 29 when the demand was again repeated. This time Yau told Kwok that unless he paid up he "had better put a piece of iron on his chest."

As Yau was accompanied by another man, Kwok decided to negotiate and so went for a walk with them. In the meantime, Chung Ying reported to the Kowloon City Police Station that her husband had not yet returned. Det. 906, sent out to make inquiries, learned of the threat and arrested Yau.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Pravda Feature

Moscow, May 2. Pravda, the Russian Communist daily newspaper, today featured under double column headlines the establishment of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and the USSR.

The British Embassy in Moscow had been watching Pakistan interests since last June.—Reuter.

Carnal Knowledge Of Child

Found guilty by jury of having carnal knowledge of a five-year-old child, Lai Chung, 10, barber shop attendant, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulson Judge), to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. D. G. MacPherson, conducted the case for the prosecution.

It was alleged that the incident took place between 6 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. on March 3, in the cockpit of 103 Main Street, Shaukiwan.

Addressing accused before passing sentence, Mr. Justice Gould said:

"I had thought, when I read the depositions, that you were entitled to a great deal of sympathy in that you were very young and had probably given away to the impulse of the moment, but your attitude during this case, in which you have made a completely unwarranted attack on the Police is such as to cause me to regard your case with less sympathy than otherwise would have been the case."

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OUT OF COMMISSION

All hopes that the Kowloon Railway clock would get back unassisted, to keeping the correct time have been abandoned by the authorities.

The clock—not that it now makes much difference—will be totally out of commission tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, according to an official announcement yesterday.

The clock has been out of order for over a week.

Readers' Letters

Students' Death

Sir,—May I draw your attention to the recent coincidence of the four students or so-called "Union-wary" who were killed in Hong Kong, who had reportedly taken a picnic in Chinese territory, was affirmed by their parents and there should be no doubt about that point. At the same time, the Cantonese newspaper, issued by the Public Relations Office of the Canton Headquarters of President Chiang Kai-shek, stated that four persons had been killed in a rescue attempt staged by their fellow-handlers on April 16. The incident may be much more clearly understood after reading the following description which I have ventured to translate from the Chinese newspaper, "Wah Kiu Yat Po" in spite of my limited stock of knowledge. The description, issued by the Children's Weekly Press of that newspaper, was apparently written by a villager and would, therefore, represent a more proper opinion of the villagers there.

A STUDENT.

THE SLAUGHTER OF FOUR SHEUNG-SHUI STUDENTS

Sir,—I am a honest reader of your Children's Weekly Press, and understand that you are interested in the local language and that of the soldiers, but this slight error will not cover the foolishness and brutality of the soldiers. Do not treat us people, really as human beings. When shall we be able to recount and cry out this debt of blood? We will, we will find a time.

I can write no more. Tears short dribbling down the paper. Please discontinue my letter. Let the young friends of today. Let them study the fate of these four poor innocent students.

"Yes" And "No" Men

Sir,—In this world there are two extreme types. One includes all the "yes-men," and the other all the "no, Sir-men." "Union-wary" belongs to the second class. He gives the impression of being a very timid and pusillanimous creature. For him all's well with the world, so why worry?

He seems annoyed with the prospects of having the Hong Kong Teachers' Association converted into a Union for the simple reason that "ours is a noble profession." This sounds amusing. Perhaps he is unaware that there is such a thing as the National Union of Teachers in England and Wales, with which the Malayan Teachers' Union is affiliated. Come! Come! "Union-wary" and march on with the times! "Union-wary" certainly does not believe that the teachers in Hong Kong are so much above "readers" that they would rather belong to an aristocratic and glorified Association.

For the benefit of "Union-wary" and his ilk, let me quote from the Colonial Office Journal "TODAY":

"The pride of British 'trade unions' is in their power to redress grievances without resorting to the strike weapon. That this is so is due partly to the honesty and fairness with which unions and employers conduct their negotiations, and partly to the fact that all the better trades unionists realise that what benefits their trade as a whole must inevitably benefit them. Today, the workers and employers in most British industries co-operate in the exchange of ideas, grievances and ways of increasing efficiency. None of this could have become possible without the work of the trade unions. The basic principle of a trade union is the system of collective bargaining, which means that the union members stand together to secure better conditions. In this system the strike is the very last weapon used."

Although "Union-wary" is able to quote the Bible to suit his purpose, he is quite unable to see that there is much to gain from the formation of a Teachers' Union.

As teachers we want a unified service for the benefit of the Colony. But we have never got a unified service if we wait for our Departmental officers to give it to us of their own free-will? Will we ever attain unification of the service if we have not the courage to demand it? Will the service ever be unified as long as we have no legal status to substantiate our claims for it? And how can we get legal standing? There is only one answer, and one answer only—register under the Trade Union Ordinance.

ANGLO-CHINESE TEACHER.

Witness Charged

On Saturday last, Wu Hon-lau (41), master of the Sing Kee Rice Shop, 12 Pak Tai Street, was fined \$1,000 by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon for selling Government-issued rice to an unregistered person.

During the hearing of the case, Chau Ka-pun, master of a rice-shop at 12 Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom, testified that he had been purchasing, through his fook Chau Yit-ling, "Government commercial but not Government rationed rice" for resale during the past 18 months, at the rate of between six and seven piculs daily.

On this evidence, the Magistrate recommended the Officer-in-Charge of Hung Hom Police Station to take action against the witness.

The sequel was the appearance of Chau before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday charged with illegal dealings in Government-issued rice (three bags) on April 14.

On the application of Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth, defendant was remanded for three days, with bail offered at \$2,000.

Fusiliers Commended

Fusiliers Webb and Devian were commended by Inspector J. Orem, and thanked by Magistrate W. H. Latimer, at Kowloon yesterday for the part they played in effecting the arrest of Cheng Kam (24) who snatched a gold filled wristwatch from a Chinese woman, Yeung Yuet-ping, at Nathan Road.

Defendant, who had two previous convictions for larceny, was sentenced to a year's hard labour.

The woman was walking in Nathan Road at 10 p.m. on May 2 when accused came up from behind and snatched the watch from her wrist. This was seen by Fusiliers Webb and Devian who immediately gave chase.

In Humphrey's Avenue defendant jumped on a bicycle which he had parked. The Fusiliers continued the chase on foot, and finally caught up with accused in Hart Avenue. Asked by Mr. J. Orem, who went to the scene on hearing shouts, defendant pointed out the spot where he had thrown the watch.

Dangerous Driving

Leung Pak-cheung of 51 Bute Street, first floor, was at Kowloon yesterday fined \$450, and had his driving licence endorsed, when he admitted a charge of dangerous driving at Ching Lung Tau, Tsun Wan, on May 2.

Inspector F. Roberts stated that defendant, in a private car, was following a bus in Ching Lung Tau when he pulled out to pass the bus. A lorry was also trying to pass the bus, with the result that the lorry and private car collided.

Defendant's car was pushed back 20 feet, and the rear wheels went over the embankment. Fortunately, the grill of the car was caught in the lorry's bumper, as otherwise the car, with its five passengers, would have gone over the side.

Accused, concluded Inspector Roberts, had been driving for two years and had a clear record.

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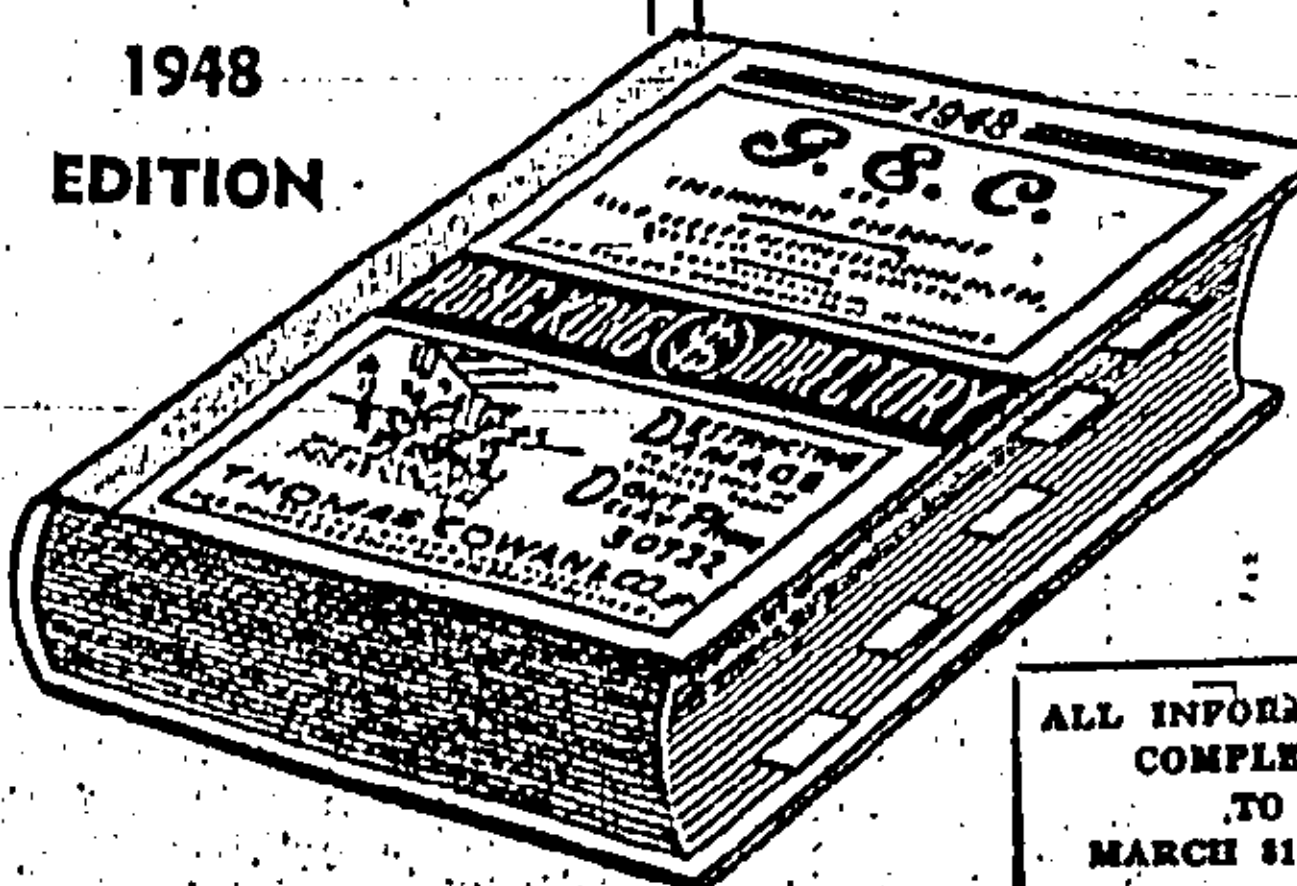
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J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Department,
Hong Kong, 3rd May, 1948.

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POLICE FORCE.

In view of the approaching celebration of the inauguration of the President of the Republic of China, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the portions of the Colony enumerated in Part I of the following Table within the respective times set opposite such portions in such Part I, subject nevertheless to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions set out in Part II of the said Table.

PART I. TABLE.

Portion of the Colony (Subject nevertheless to the exceptions and prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Part II of this Table)	Permitted Times
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In the Island of Hong Kong:—

(1) All the area within and bounded by Pedder Street, to Connaught Road Central to Murray Road to Queen's Road Central, and back to Pedder Street.

(2) All that area within and bounded by a line from the entrance to the Royal Naval Hospital in Queen's Road East to Kennedy Road, along Kennedy Road to a line running immediately behind and parallel to Wing Wan Street, thence along this line to Stone Nullah Lane, down Stone Nullah Lane to Queen's Road East, along Queen's Road East to Tai Yuen Street by Tai Yuen Street and O'Brien Road to Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road to Stewart Road and thence by Stewart Road and Heard Street to the boundary of the Public Works Department Store.

(3) All the area within and bounded by Leighton Hill Road, to Caroline Road to Shaukwan Road, along Eastern Hospital Road, to Tai Hang Road, along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Morrison Gap Road, to Morrison Hill Road and back to Leighton Hill Road.

(4) All the area within and bounded by Leighton Hill Road, to Caroline Road to Shaukwan Road, along Eastern Hospital Road, to Tai Hang Road, along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Morrison Gap Road, to Morrison Hill Road and back to Leighton Hill Road.

The streets and roads or portions thereof, as the case may be, through which boundary lines pass are included within the area (1), (2), and (3).

In Kowloon:—

(4) All that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula south of Austin Road.

(5) The area within (and including) the following boundary:—

Nathan Road from Austin Road to Boundary Street thence Boundary Street to the Railway Line, thence the Railway Line to the Northern end of Kowloon Tong, thence Cornwall Road to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to Prince Edward Road, thence Prince Edward Road to Argyle Street, thence Argyle Street to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to No. 4 Railway Bridge, thence the Railway Line to Chatham Road, thence Chatham Road to Austin Road.

The whole of Jordan Road is included within the boundary.

In the Colony:—

(6) Elsewhere in the Colony.

(6) From 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, the 5th May, 1948.

PART II.

EXCEPTION, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

No fireworks shall be discharged within the following area:—

All that area within and bounded by a line along the whole of Ko Shing Street to its western end or junction with Des Voeux Road West, thence along Des Voeux Road West to its junction with Centre Street, thence along Centre Street to its junction with Bonham Road, thence along and including Bonham Road to a point found by producing the eastern boundary of Pound Lane, thence to and along and including Pound Lane, thence along and including Hollywood Road to its junction with Queen's Road West, thence along Queen's Road West to its junction with Queen Street, then along Queen Street to its junction with Ko Shing Street, the point of commencement. The course of the said line is such that boundary streets and roads not specifically included in the area lie outside it.

No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against accident.

The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of hospitals, or of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service is prohibited.

The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited.

With reference to the permission hereby notified attention is drawn to the rule set forth in Government Notification No. 79 published in the Government Gazette dated 10th February, 1933, "No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any firework which explodes on impact, or which contains any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which has in any single container thereof more than 10 grams of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient."

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1933, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks at, on or from their premises.

The Police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing fireworks in contravention of the foregoing permission and rule.

W. L. B. SPARROW,
Acting Commissioner of Police

27th April, 1948.

AMERICAN AIR FORCE EXPANSION BILL

Washington, May 2.

A thoroughly modernized United States Air Force, with 12,441 operational aircraft and 502,000 men, is the aim of a bill which is expected to go through Congress this week. The bill appropriates funds to finance the first instalment of a programme to enlarge the Air Force in two years from the present 55 groups to 70 adding 804 jet-fighters and 49 of the latest heavy bombers—17 of them jet-propelled—in the first year.

Oswald Demands Free Speech

London, May 2. Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists, said today that his new "Union" movement would rapidly develop new methods of bringing its cause to the people because of interferences with its May Day activities.

"The May Day events confirm that free speech does not exist for the opponents of the Labour Government," he said.

"Marches are prohibited in the working class areas of East London where we derive our strength. Police cordons prevent most of our supporters attending a meeting and march outside the banned areas."

Sir Oswald's speech to his supporters yesterday was interrupted by skirmishes, and there were 31 arrests. The Government had earlier banned a scheduled procession through the East End of London. —Reuter.

The House of Representatives has already approved the bill and the Senate, on the recommendation of its Appropriations Committee, is expected to do so early this week. The Administration is not expected to offer any serious objection though Congress, through economy-minded in other respects, has taken the unusual step of voting \$587 million more than the Administration had asked for. The whole programme will cost \$7,500 million—about two and a half times the present appropriations.

Congress overrode the warning of Mr. James Forrestal, the Defence Secretary, that to spend the extra money might impose "explosive" pressure on the country's already strained economy.

Spectacular Increase
If preferred to accept the view of Mr. Forrestal's subordinate.

Mr. Stuart Symington, the Air Secretary, said 70 modern groups by 1950, where the peacetime minimum necessary for the safety of the country. Mr. Forrestal asked only for expansion to 66 groups. The force of 70 groups will be only about a quarter of the maximum wartime air strength of the United States, but it will mean a spectacular increase over the present strength.—Reuter.

Communists Surrender

Shanghai, May 3. Sixteen more Communist underground workers here have surrendered voluntarily to the police authorities, it was announced today.

This is the third batch of local Communist agents who have given themselves up since the discovery of a Communist sabotage plot some time ago.

Except for one unemployed, all the self-confessed Communist agents are workers. Twelve of them gave their place of employment as the British-owned Shanghai Tramways. All will be released after the bail procedure is completed, it is reported.—Reuter.

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Doctors And The Bevan Plan

London, May 2.

A resolution promising full support to the Minister for Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, and his controversial Health Service Act, which comes into operation on July 5, was unanimously carried here today by the Socialist Medical Association.

Following the rejection of the scheme in a plebiscite by members of the British Medical Association, Mr. Bevan agreed to introduce amendments making it clear that a full-time salaried State's service could only be established by the consent of Parliament and not under the terms of the existing Act.

In view of this, a new plebiscite has been held by the BMA to define the attitude of British doctors to the proposed modifications. The results of the new plebiscite are expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.—Reuter.

Labour And Next Elections

Derby, May 2.

The Labour Government has already started preparations for the next general election, to be fought in 1950, Mr. P. J. Noel-Baker, the Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, stated at a May Day demonstration here today. It will be contested on the record of the Conservative Party (the present Opposition) after World War I compared with that of the Labour Party after World War II, the Minister said.

If you do not remember what happened between the wars, ask your dad—and let us make that your slogan," Mr. Noel-Baker added.—Reuter.

Missing Russian May Be In Washington

Hamburg, May 2. The absconding Russian Lt. Col. D. Tassojev is probably now in Washington, an informed Allied source said today.

It was revealed on Saturday that the Soviet officer on the eve of being sent back to Russia from Germany voluntarily left Bremen with a British agent on April 23.

The people most likely to know where he is—the intelligence division of the British Control Commission—were not talking. The official who arranged the eastward flight of the Russian was "away for the weekend." His wife said she did not know where he had gone.

The Colonel's disappearance from Bremen where he headed a Soviet team, supervising reparations loadings led to official Russian charges that he had been kidnapped by American Agents. But a reliable Allied source in a good position to know the true facts said the Colonel was introduced to a Russian speaking British Agent at his own request. The source said the British aided the Russian's flight because he had previous contact with them. "But the Americans are likely to be most interested in what he has to tell. I think he is in Washington by now" the source said.—Associated Press.

Eisenhower Turns Civvy

Washington, May 2.

General Dwight Eisenhower received the United States Army's farewell salute today when he left Fort Myers here for New York preparatory to taking up the Presidency of Columbia University in June. General Eisenhower left Fort Myers in uniform, but in New York will change into civilian clothes in which he has been getting accustomed by stages during the past few weeks.

He said today "civilian clothes still feel like a suit of pyjamas." General Eisenhower has spent most of his time writing a book on World War II since he was succeeded as Chief of Staff by General Omar Bradley in February.—Reuter.

TYDINGS SAYS ARM FOR PEACE

Baltimore, May 2.

Senator Millard E. Tydings, in a radio address today, called for Congressional approval of universal military training and temporary draft as the "surest means of maintaining peace and avoiding war."

Tydings said the fact that Russia had "massed large armies in Germany, Korea and Austria," which far outnumbered the United States forces there, "gives to Russia a psychological advantage that is tremendous. It also enables them to keep the initiative in most cases."—United Press.



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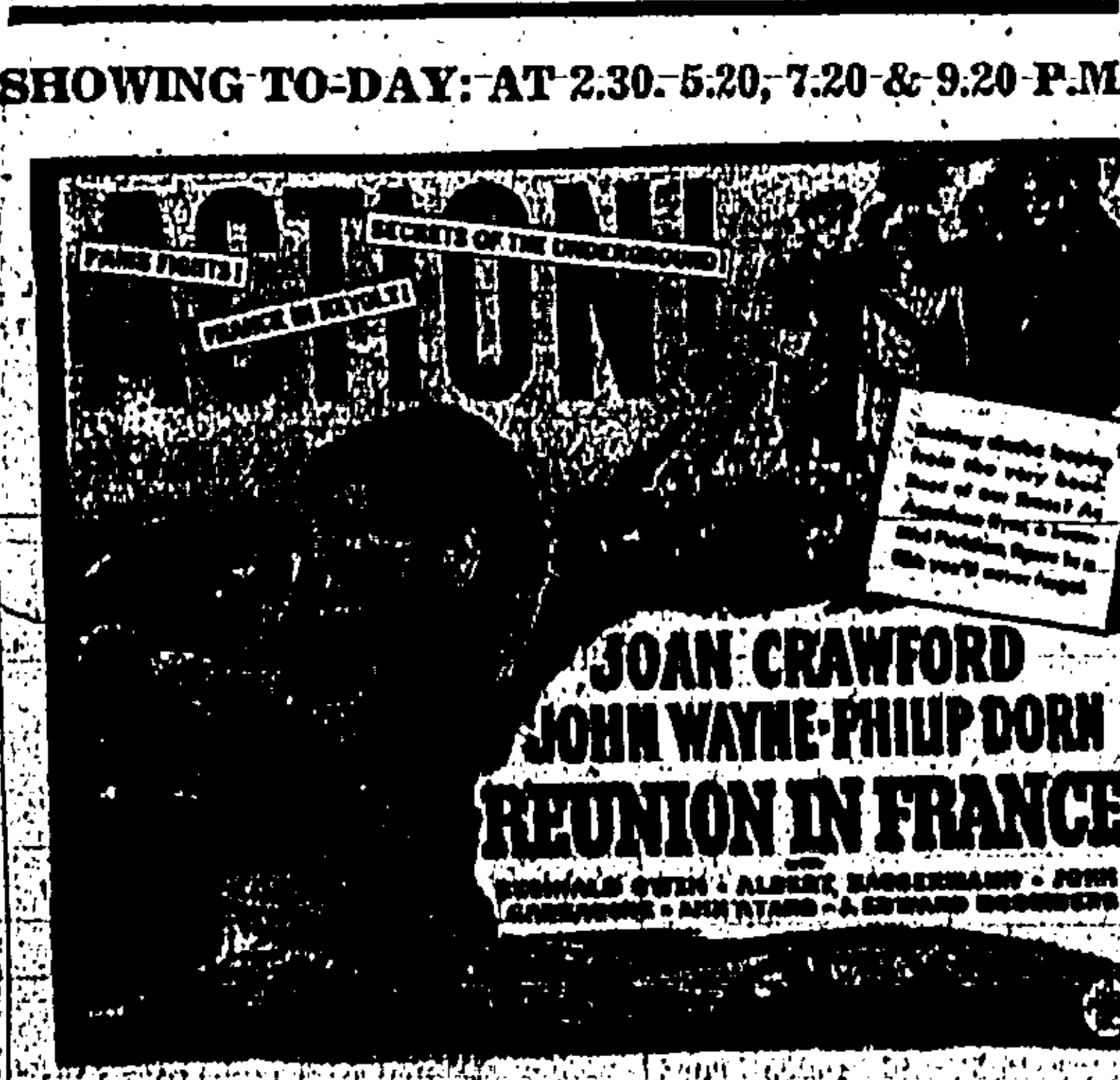
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FUTURE POLICY IN JAPAN

Britain Initiative On Industrial Level

Pressing For Peace Treaty Decision

Washington, May 2. Informed sources report that Britain has taken the initiative in the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission in an attempt to secure agreement on the permanent levels of industry for Japan.

So far the British delegates have been blocked by the United States failure to give its final opinion on this subject.

The British have submitted to the commission proposals which would freeze Japanese industrial levels at a point somewhat higher than envisaged in plans based on the Pauley report but considerably lower than indicated in the recommendations of Clifford Strike and the Draper-Hoffman Mission.

The British representative on the commission has urged early action, contending that this subject must be settled quickly to pave the way for a peace treaty.

American officials said they wished to revise their earlier estimates but so far have not come forth with amendments. United States officials said this was because Americans had not yet agreed amongst themselves.

The Army and State Departments are "in general agreement" that the Japanese industrial levels must be set considerably higher than were first planned, but have not been able to decide on definite figures in specific industries.

For example, while the Draper-Hoffman mission recommended 4,000,000 tons of merchant shipping, the State Department still believes 3,000,000 would be adequate. There are comparable divergences on other industries.

U.S. Stalling?

British officials reportedly believe that the United States may be deliberately stalling on industrial levels hoping they can build up Japan without Commission interference if not tied down to specific levels. Under-Secretary of Army Draper denies this in effect by asserting that some-time must elapse while the consensus of various American reports on Japanese industry is compiled.

Meanwhile the British delegates are also considering linking the initiative to secure an early peace treaty. "It has become apparent that the United States has lost interest in an early meeting on the peace treaty."

If nothing occurs on peace treaty preparations within the next month or two, Mr. Ernest Bevin may address himself directly to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, suggesting a meeting of nations to discuss the procedural questions which so far have blocked efforts to hold a conference.—United Press.

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Bochum, May 2. Herr Karl Arnold, the Premier of North Rhine Westphalia, said here today that a German Assembly and a Government for the whole nation was needed, the German news agency, DPD, reported.

Even if this were impossible, he added, one must be in the Western Zone in which case personalities from the Eastern Zone must belong to it.—Reuter.

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National Assembly Breaks Up

Nanking, May 3. A mass exodus of National Assembly delegates from Nanking got under way today, following the conclusion of China's first democratically elected National Assembly.

A large number are proceeding home via Shanghai in order to give China's greatest port city the "once over."

Meanwhile, preparations are continuing for the first meeting of the new Legislative Yuan, although a recent Government announcement postponed it indefinitely until a solution is found to the quarrel for seats as a result of the inter-party election agreement.

One high official said that it is still possible that the Legislative Yuan will meet on the original scheduled date—a week after the end of the National Assembly—with a temporary patch-up of the dispute.—Reuter-AAP.

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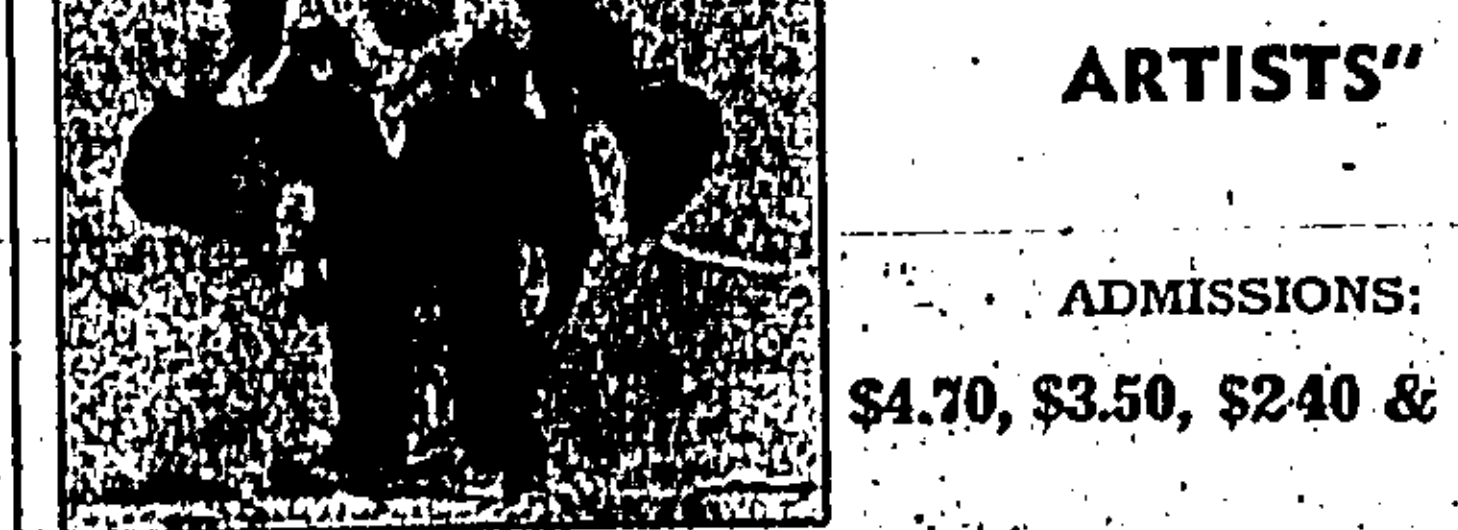
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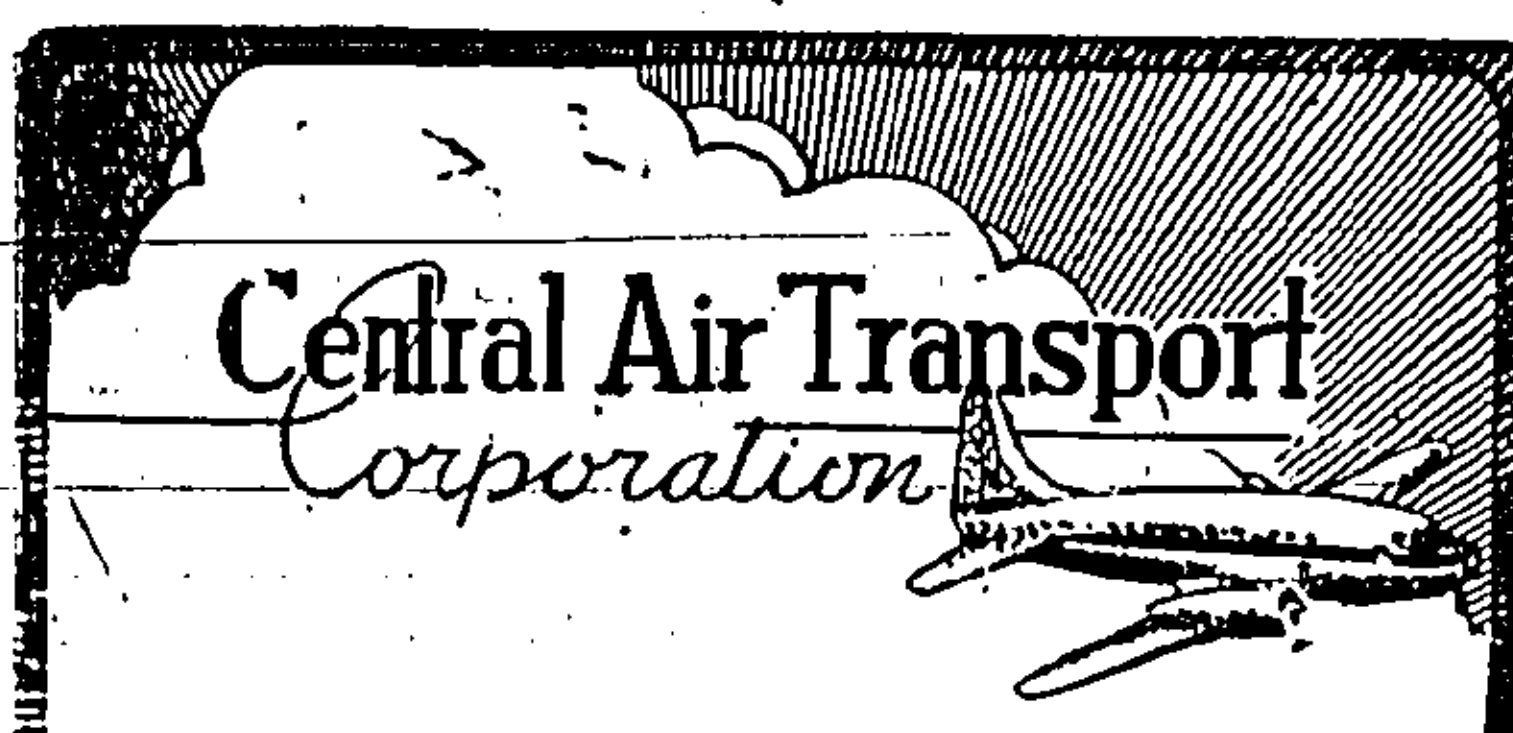
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FUTURE WORLD ORDER

A stimulating and incisive book on the part the British Commonwealth has to play in the future world order has just been published by the well-known writer, H. V. Hodson.

Mr. Hodson takes the view that the second World War brought into existence a new phase in the history of the British Empire, using the term in the widest sense, which can make that institution of greater influence than ever in world affairs.

The title of his book is "Twentieth Century Empire". He maintains that the first British Empire ended with the American Revolution; that the second Empire lasted to a less clearly defined date with the emergence of the Dominions; that the third Empire was the structure of the Commonwealth as it has been known to the world up to the present; and that a fourth Empire has now evolved with characteristics of its own.

The author suggests that the British Commonwealth has a vital part to play in preventing another world war. He argues that the real issue which could lead to a further world catastrophe is the simple issue of whether or not the Communist theory that the Western conception of Democracy is bound to give way eventually to their Communism or Fascism. If that theory can be proved to be wrong, eventually its falseness will appear even to the Kremlin and the whole face of world affairs will slowly but surely change.

In the concluding chapter, after reviewing a variety of ways in which the British Commonwealth can prove to the world that genuine Democracy has a live and dynamic future independent of rival totalitarianisms, he writes, "There is another reason why the British Commonwealth has a unique opportunity in this worldwide struggle for the life of Social Democracy. It is now a community of nations of different continents, colours and creeds. It bears the main burden of disproving that part of the neo-Marxist case which alleges that capitalist democracy in its restless search for markets and materials must be imperialist in the sense of coercive oppression of subject peoples and must eventually be destroyed by their revolt or by wars between rival imperialisms."

"The new nations themselves, with the world all before them, have a vital role in what is in truth the battle for the soul of man, of demonstrating that the idea of a free democratic society is for them as righteous and as attainable as it is for the nations of the West. They have to show that their peculiar handicaps of differing races, castes and religions as well as the difficulties of forced marches in the economic advance that they have planned for themselves can be overcome without yielding to temptations of State dictatorship."

Of the new form of the British Commonwealth which he sees as arising from the changes wrought during and immediately after the second World War, Mr. Hodson writes, "It is often claimed that the great contribution which the Commonwealth has to make to world society is the example of its own loose yet effective organisation. But that example is not readily followed by countries lacking the peculiar historical association out of which the world's ill-



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A MEETING WITH MAISKY

(Three visits were paid by Mr. Chamberlain to Hitler in September, 1938, with the object of preventing the threatened German invasion of Czechoslovakia. He returned to London from the first meeting (at Berchtesgaden) on Sept. 17.)

Both the Prime Minister and Lord Ruffell were convinced that only the cessation of the Sudeten area to Germany would dislodge Hitler from ordering the invasion of Czechoslovakia. The Cabinet was split, in the Prime Minister's hands.

They found consolation in such phrases as "the rights of self-determination," "the claims of a national minority to just treatment," and even the mood appeared of "championing the small man against the Czech bully."

It was now necessary to keep in the background with the French Government. On Sept. 18 Daladier and Bonnet came to London. The French Ministers favoured an outright cession of the Sudetenland to Germany. They added, however, that the British Government with France and with Russia, whom they had not consulted, should guarantee the new frontiers of the mutilated Czechoslovakia.

The British and French Cabinets at this time presented a front of two overripe melons crushed together, whereas what was needed was a gleam of steel. On one thing they were all agreed: there should be no consultation with the Czechs. These should be confronted with the decision of their guardians. The Babes in the Wood had no worse treatment.

I have always believed that Benes was willing to yield. He should have defended his position. Once fighting had begun, in my opinion at that time, France would have moved to his aid in a surge of national passion, and Britain would have rallied to France almost immediately.

At the height of this crisis (on Sept. 20) I visited Paris for two days in order to pass through friends in the French Government, Reynaud and Mandel. Both of these Ministers were in lively distress and on the verge of resigning from the Daladier Cabinet. I was against this, as their advice could not alter the course of events, and would only leave the French Government weakened by the loss of its two most capable and resolute men.

At 2 a.m. on the night of Sept. 20-21 the British and French Governments in France called on President Benes to inform him in effect that there was no hope of arbitration on the basis of the German-Czechoslovak Treaty of 1925, and to urge upon him the acceptance of the Anglo-French proposals "before producing a situation for which France and Britain could take no responsibility."

The French Government at least was sufficiently ashamed of this communication to instruct its Minister only to make it verbally.

Under this pressure on Sept. 21 the Czech Government bowed to the Anglo-French proposals. On the same day, Sept. 21, I issued a statement on the crisis to the Press in London: "The partition of Czechoslovakia under pressure from England and France amounts to the complete surrender of the Western Democracies to the Nazi threat of force. Such a collapse will bring peace or security neither to England nor to France. On the contrary, it will place these two nations in an ever weaker and more dangerous situation."

The mere neutralisation of Czechoslovakia means the liberation of 25 German

divisions, which will threaten the Western front in addition to which it will open up for the triumphant Nazis the road to the Black Sea. It is not Czechoslovakia alone which is menaced, but also the freedom and the democracy of all nations.

"The belief that security can be obtained by throwing a small State to the wolves is a fatal illusion. The war potential of Germany will increase in a short time more rapidly than it will be possible for France and Great Britain to complete the measures necessary for their defence."

At the Assembly of the League of Nations on Sept. 21 an official warning was given by Litvinov (in part stating publicly the facts earlier retailed to Mr. Churchill by M. Maisky, but adding)

"It was only two days ago that the Czechoslovak Government addressed a formal inquiry to my Government as to whether the Soviet Union is prepared in accordance with the Soviet-Czech Pact to render Czechoslovakia immediate and effective aid if France, loyal to her obligations, will render similar assistance, to which my Government gave a clear answer in the affirmative."

It is indeed astonishing that this public and unqualified declaration by one of the greatest Powers concerned should not have played its part in Mr. Chamberlain's negotiations, or in the French conduct of the crisis.

I have heard it suggested that it was geographically impossible for Russia to send troops into Czechoslovakia, and that Russian aid in the event of war would have been limited to modest air support. The assent of Rumania, and also to a lesser extent of Hungary, to allow Russian forces to pass through their territory was, of course, necessary. This might well have been obtained from Rumania at least, as indicated to me by M. Maisky, through the pressures and guarantees of a Grand Alliance acting under the aegis of the League of Nations.

Stress has also been laid upon Soviet duplicity and bad faith. I have certainly not found these vices in Russian action where strictly military engagements between Allies were concerned. But the Soviet offer was in effect ignored. They were not brought into the scale against Hitler, and were treated with an indifference—not to say disdain—which left a mark in Stalin's mind.

Events took their course as if Soviet Russia did not exist. For this we afterwards paid dearly.

(When Mr. Chamberlain met Hitler a second time on Sept. 22 at Godesberg he found that the Fuehrer would no longer accept the terms agreed at Berchtesgaden. On Sept. 24 the Premier returned to London.) On Sept. 10 I had visited the Prime Minister at Downing Street for a long talk. Again on Sept. 20 he either invited me or readily accorded me an interview. At 3.30 in the afternoon of this critical day I was received by him and Lord Halifax in the Cabinet Room. I pressed upon them the policy set forth in my letter to Lord Halifax of August 31, namely, a declaration showing the unity of sentiment and purpose between Britain, France and Russia against Hitlerite aggression.

We discussed at length and in detail, a communique, and we seemed to be in complete agreement. Lord Halifax and I were

at one, and I certainly thought the Prime Minister was in full accord. There was present a high official of the Foreign Office who, built up the draft. When we separated I was satisfied and relieved.

About 8 o'clock that night, Mr. Leeper (then head of the Foreign Office Press Department, now Sir Reginald Leeper) presented to the Foreign Secretary a communique of which the following is the pith:

If, in spite of the efforts made by the British Prime Minister, a German attack is made upon Czechoslovakia, the immediate result must be to come to her assistance, and Great Britain and Russia will certainly stand by France.

This was approved by Lord Halifax and immediately issued.

When earlier I returned to my flat at Morphew Mansions, I found about 15 gentlemen assembled. They were mostly Right-wing Conservatives: Lord Cecil, Lord Lloyd, Sir Edward Grigg, Sir Robert Horne, Mr. Boothby, Mr. Bracken and Mr. Law. The feeling was passionate. It all focussed on the point, "We must get Russia in."

I was impressed and indeed surprised, by this intensity of

view in high Tory circles, showing how completely they had cast away all thoughts of class, party or ideological interests, and to what a pitch their mood had come. I reported to them what had happened at Downing Street and described the character of the communique. They were all greatly reassured.

The French Right Press treated this communique with suspicion and disdain. The Matin called it "A clever lie." M. Bonnet, who is now very busy showing how forward in action that he had no confirmation of it, leaving on them the impression that this was not the British pledge he was looking for. This was no doubt not difficult for him to convey.

I died that night with Mr. Duff Cooper at the Admiralty. He told me he was demanding from the Prime Minister the immediate mobilisation of the Fleet. I recalled my own experiences a quarter of a century before when similar circumstances had presented themselves.

(To be Continued)

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Soviet Chief Thinks Up A New One

Berlin, May 2.

A "police terror" against workers and all "democratic organisations" is now being conducted in the Western sectors of Berlin, Colonel Sergov Tulpanov, chief of the Soviet Information Bureau in Germany, declared over Berlin Radio tonight.

In a broadcast commemorating the Russian entry into Berlin three years ago, he said: "Only we Russians are your champions of democracy."

If the Western powers continued to split Berlin, it would soon be cut off from its hinterland in the Russian Zone, Colonel Tulpanov said. Berlin was captured by the Soviet Army and is still situated in the centre of the Soviet Zone, he said. "It is thus decisively influenced by the Russian administration. Only difficulties and hardships can be caused to Berlin's population if intrigues, both German and foreign, continue to split the capital."

Berliners who did not assist the Soviet authorities could only be "politically unstable," he was up to German democratic forces to reinstate the city as "the capital of a free Germany." Colonel Tulpanov declared.

"You must not be exploited by foreign powers in the West," he told his listeners. "Leading American capitalists are having a hey day at the expense of the hard-working Germans. Irresponsible capitalist groups are doing their best to ruin Germany. You must not be misled by the attempts of forces which are only leading you up a blind alley."

Repeating the Soviet allegations that the Western powers were systematically looting the city, he said the Russian traffic restrictions had just been in time to prevent the export of thousands of tons of valuable steel and equipment.

Colonel Tulpanov invited his listeners to compare the "poor results" of the Western administration in Germany with those achieved in the Russian Zone. Making the first official Soviet reference to Soviet soldiers "happily" after the capture of Berlin, he said this had to be ascribed to their "extreme anger" at having to enter the city "over the corpses of thousands of dead comrades."—Reuter.

Paraguay Police Alert

Buenos Aires, May 2. Argentine reports indicate that heavy police precautions have been ordered in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, apparently because of an uprising against the government of President Higinio Morinigo.

Police with tommyguns were reported to be patrolling the city and manning points which control important streets. Several political leaders are reported to have been arrested.

The city is reported closed to river traffic, and travellers approaching by road are subjected to close inspection before they are allowed to enter. United Press.

ARABS RESTIVE IN MOROCCO

Casablanca, May 2. Police and troops guarded the Jewish quarters of Moroccan cities today following attacks by the Nationalists to stop bringing conditional offerings of Friendship after the Jewish Passover holidays.

First reports indicated that the attacks took place on Saturday night in Casablanca and Fez under leaders apparently of Jewish origin.

Several thousands of Jews gathered in front of the Casablanca Mellah Jewish quarters. They stopped cars and buses to molest Jewish passengers. Associated Press.

Quirino's Pledge To Labour

Manila, May 2. President Quirino, addressing a huge May Day rally at the Rizal Memorial Stadium on Saturday morning, pledged labour a new deal. Some 300,000 people heard him outline his administration's proposals designed to unify all labour ranks in the Philippines so that they can more effectively cooperate with the management for the industrial development of the country.

At another Labour meeting in the afternoon, Dr. Jose P. Laurel, who was President of the Philippines under the Japanese, told his audience that the working classes were entitled to much of the world's goods.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS KILLED

Calcutta, May 2. Five Communists were killed in gun battle with a police search party at Cherupuzha, 60 miles north of here, it was reported here today.

The Communists, it was stated, were in hiding. Seventeen others were arrested and seven guns and other arms were captured.—Reuter.

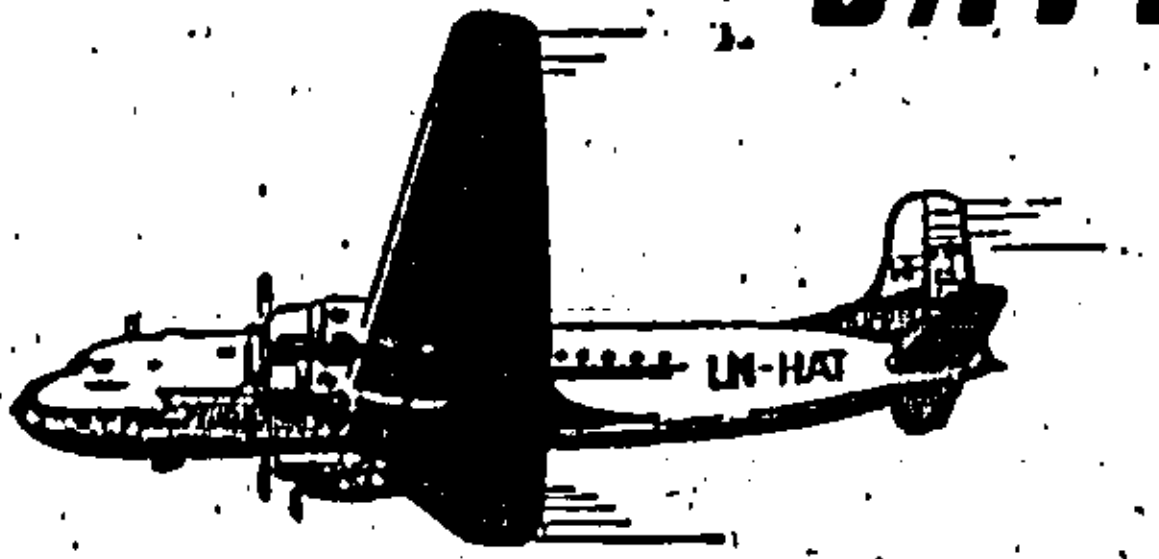
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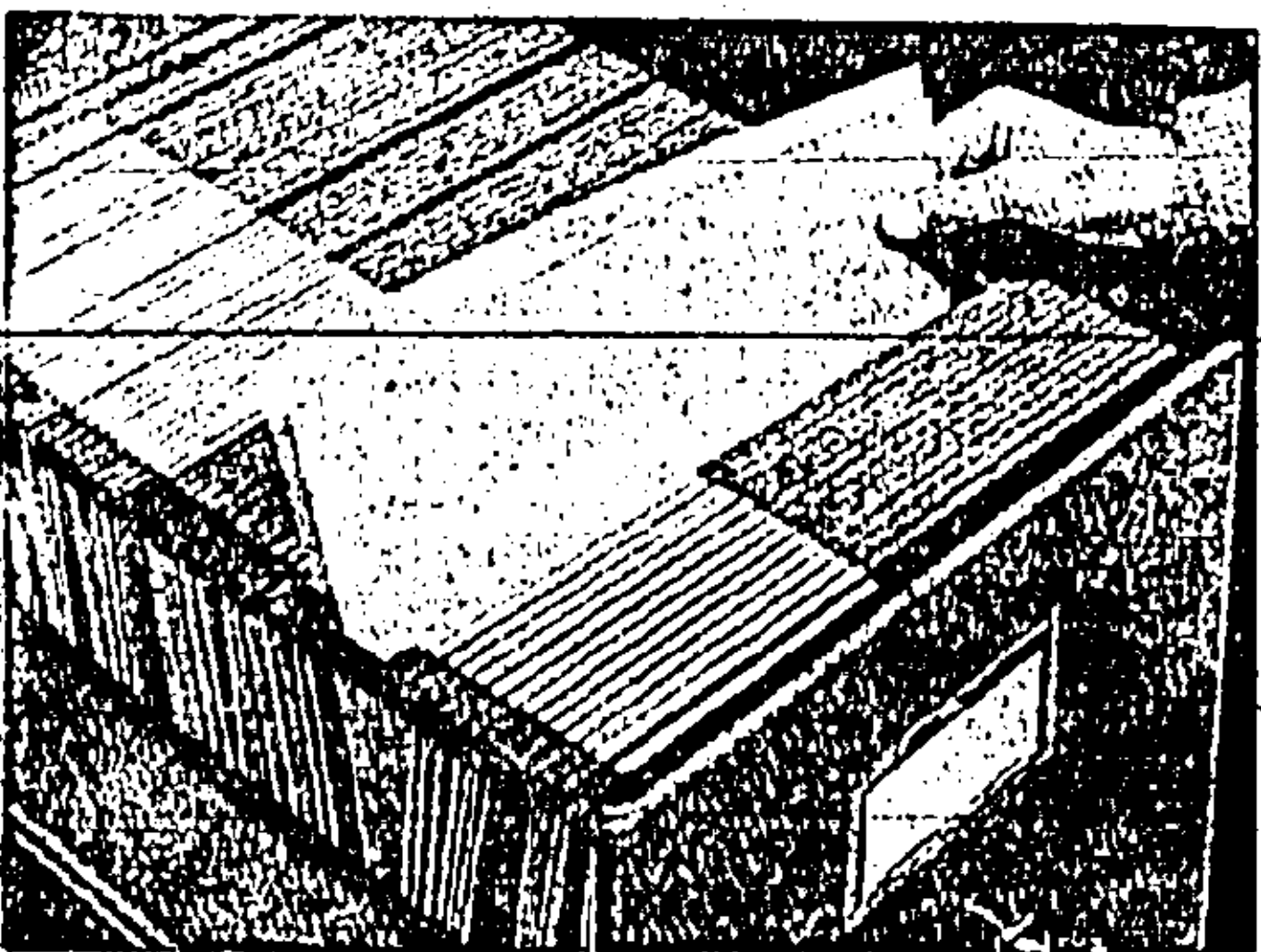
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BRITAIN'S BIGGEST TANKS POURING INTO PALESTINE

An Eye-Witness Story Of Convoy Drama

By A Special Correspondent

Cairo, May 2.

A regiment of giant British tanks mounting heavy cannon is on its way from the Suez Canal Zone to embattled Jerusalem.

I saw 34-ton Comets of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment rumbling in long convoys across Sinai Desert toward Palestine on Saturday afternoon during the last lap of a harrowing motor trip from the Holy City.

I counted more than 20 of the monsters armed with 77 mm cannon before losing track of them.

Supporting supply and communications vehicles formed additional impressive convoys.

These big tanks, more formidable than any weapons of the Jew or Arab in Palestine or of the neighbouring Arab armies, were scheduled to bludgeon in southern Palestine on Saturday night and to reach Jerusalem today.

One junior officer told me that their mission was to protect the evacuation of British personnel from the Holy Land where British and Arab vehicles with which I was travelling on Saturday were shot up by Jews.

"I think we are going to show them we mean business," said a Tommy.

The 4th Royal Tank Regiment moved into Palestine following the opening on Thursday of the Jewish offensive to take the strategic Jerusalem residential district of Katamon.

British Warning

The British Commissioner, Gen Sir Alan Cunningham, is understood to have advised the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem on Friday that if the Jews did not stop attacking "Arab territory" the British Army would be brought back into Palestine in full force. Many British Army units have moved recently to Tripoli, Libya and other destinations and the long announced date for the completion of the Army's evacuation is August 15.

If ordered to impose the truce which churchmen and United Nations officials have been urging to protect the holy places, the Tank Regiment could probably put an end to large scale military operations between the Arabs and the Jews in Jerusalem.

It is not likely, however, that it could stop the intermittent sniping and bombing which makes the Holy City a nightmare.

What effect the Regiment's presence will have on the Arab countries' announced intentions to send regular armies against the Zionists soon, is a matter for conjecture. Dr. Walter Eytan, spokesman for the Jewish Agency, contented on Friday that Britain was trying to create a solid Arab bloc under her control, and that she would be happy to have King Abdullah's Arab Legion in control of highways, linking British troops in Transjordan and the Suez Canal Zone.

It was the Arab Legionnaires and the British Army guards in cannon-firing armoured cars who rescued the convoy of British trucks and Arab vehicles loaded with men, women and children from a Jewish ambush on Saturday morning.

Pinned Down

Before they shelled the Jewish attackers into silence, however, the convoy had been pinned down under fire for more than two hours and Corporal Bennett of No. 1 Company, Royal Army Service Corps, had been blown to pieces by a mortar shell.

The Arab-driven car in which I was riding in the middle of the convoy, with Charles Thelford, former news officer of the Palestine Government and two Palestinian Arabs, started out alone from Jerusalem for Cairo at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

A few miles south of Bethlehem, a shepherd boy waved and shouted frantically as our car passed. We stopped and waited.

A truck filled with armed Arabs appeared from the direction of Bethlehem and proceeded along.

A British truck convoy in which an Arab bus containing many women had already taken refuge, arrived a few minutes later and our waiting cars swung in between the trucks.

Slowly we crept around the last intervening hill and into the wide valley which Kfar commands.

On the exposed hillside across this valley Arab riflemen were running and crouching among the rocks.

Jewish Attack

The Jews waited until the convoy was well spread before them, then they opened fire from behind a stone wall.

The Arab bus stopped and most of its passengers jumped out and ran to shelter in a roadside ditch away from the ambush. One truck stopped and lurched backward against another, putting it out of commission.

Bullets cracked off the rocks around our car. We tumbled out and threw ourselves flat in the ditch as fast as possible.

Tommyes and Maurilian soldiers fired back with two Bren guns and rifles. Their arms were too tight to make any impression on the men behind the stone wall.

Under fire, soldiers manned a weaker and tried to salvage the smashed truck. We lay for a long time beneath the road's shoulder, trying to figure out what to do.

Far away, at the head of the convoy, Corporal Bennett made a dash with an Arab driver for the stalled bus. They hoped to drive it to safety on the other side of the hilltop.

Second Lt. Derek Herbert of Hillingdon, Middlesex, said some passengers were believed to be still in the vehicles. I heard two loud heavy thuds, distinguished from previous rifle cracks.

Mortar Shells

"They're using mortars," yelled a soldier. A second mortar shell got Bennett. Only a few minutes later help came. Four armoured cars rolled majestically down the highway from the direction of Bethlehem, black berets of Life Guards poking out of the turret of two, the red and white checked khaki of Transjordan's Arab Legion.

"Kamel Salalah, driver of the last car in our convoy, said that he had gone for help when the fighting started, and had found the armoured cars in Bethlehem." They moved through the convoy to the top of a hill on the far side of the valley, then

Anxious Conference On Palestine

Washington, May 2.

State Department officials met in conference today to consider reports from strife-torn Palestine. The reported judgment of British military officials that the situation there is rapidly growing worse apparently is shared by American officials.

France In Sounder Health

Metz, May 2.

Premier Robert Schuman today proclaimed that France is cured of one of its worst diseases in modern history—the virus of confusion and scepticism.

Speaking before the department congress of his Middle-of-the-road Catholic MRP Party, the Premier declared, "When I moved into the premier's residence there was snow on the ground. I never expected to see the first leaves of spring from those same windows."

"When I came to power scepticism and lack of confidence of the people and nation surrounded me. The situation called for swift and unpopular action or we would lose everything."

"I feared that I would not find the necessary conviction in my fellow workers, but I did."

Schuman continued: "Our moves were not always the best but the willingness of the French people has been the cause of the death of that strange virus, lack of confidence. That confidence has now been justified by the Marshall Plan."

Democracy In China

Shanghai, May 3.

Several Democratic Socialist Party members have recently joined re-organized Provincial governments throughout the country, according to Chinese press reports today.

Such provinces as Fukien, Anhwei and Kiangsi are said to have Democratic Socialist Party members following re-organization with a view to including non-Kuomintang officials so as to keep in line with the principle of the new constitution.

The Democratic Socialist Party is also expected to be represented when a new Central Government is formed with a broadened base. —Reuter.

American "Manoeuvres"

Trieste, May 2.

American forces were holding manoeuvres today in the hills adjoining the frontier between the Free City of Trieste and Yugoslavia. American tanks and armoured cars were drawn up in side roads and machine-gun posts guarded the roads. Sentries were watching all points along the border.

A particularly sharp watch was planned after dark tonight. —Reuter.

threw two pound shells into the settlement.

Arab Legion riflemen dropped into the ditch beside us and blazed away. In a few minutes the Jewish positions became silent.

While the armoured cars kept the settlement covered the wrecker that came with them pulled our car out of the ditch and the convoy began sorting itself out.

I walked up the hill and met Lt. Herbert. He said he had lost one man, was out of ammunition and had some of his trucks shot up. He would have to turn around and go back.

Grim-Faced Tommies

Grim-faced Tommies told me something about dead Corporal Bennett. They knew him as Yorkie, and thought he was from some place around York, but maybe it was Birmingham. He was an old soldier, they said. He had gone through World War I with the 6th Army only to be killed in Palestine.

Bennett's body had been picked up before I reached where he died.

I found two holes in the ground eight or ten feet apart. Bennett's beret lay nearby. I ran back down the length of the convoy trying to learn his first name and home town. Our car began to move and we had to climb in and give it up.

As we passed, Bennett's cap was still lying there on the ground beside a small bloody mortar crater. —Associated Press.

Fourth Fire Mystery In Seven Weeks

Melbourne, May 2.

Police and fire experts today opened an investigation into a fire last night on board the 7,400-ton British freighter, Pemba—the fourth mysterious fire in the ship in seven weeks.

The last time the Pemba caught fire, also at Melbourne, the police said they suspected saboteurs of trying to sink her. The new outbreak was confined to the ship's No. 5 hold, among wool and general cargo, and was under control in an hour.

Two tons of cheese and most of the four cargo was ruined by fire and water.

The removal of the cargo started tonight. The captain said no official report was possible till this had been completed.

Most of the Pemba's cargo was destroyed in the previous blaze. The first two fires were also at Australian ports—one at Melbourne, the other at Sydney.

The ship is owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company and manned by 12 Europeans and 60 Indians. Her run is between Australia, India and East Africa.

The 7,000-ton Chyebassa, owned by the same company, has been twice ablaze since she docked at Melbourne three months ago. —Reuter.

Senator In Fighting Mood

Birmingham, Alabama, May 2. Senator Glen Taylor, Vice-Presidential candidate of the Third Party, today left Birmingham and its goal with the promise to return and fight the city's race segregation law to the highest courts.

Senator Taylor left by commercial plane in the middle of the afternoon, less than 24 hours after he was booked on disorderly conduct charges.

He claimed he was "man-handled" by the police when he attempted to enter a reputedly Left Wing rally through the entrance for negroes.

He was freed under a \$500 bond within a few minutes after being fingerprinted and his trial was set for Tuesday night in the Recorder's Court. —United Press.

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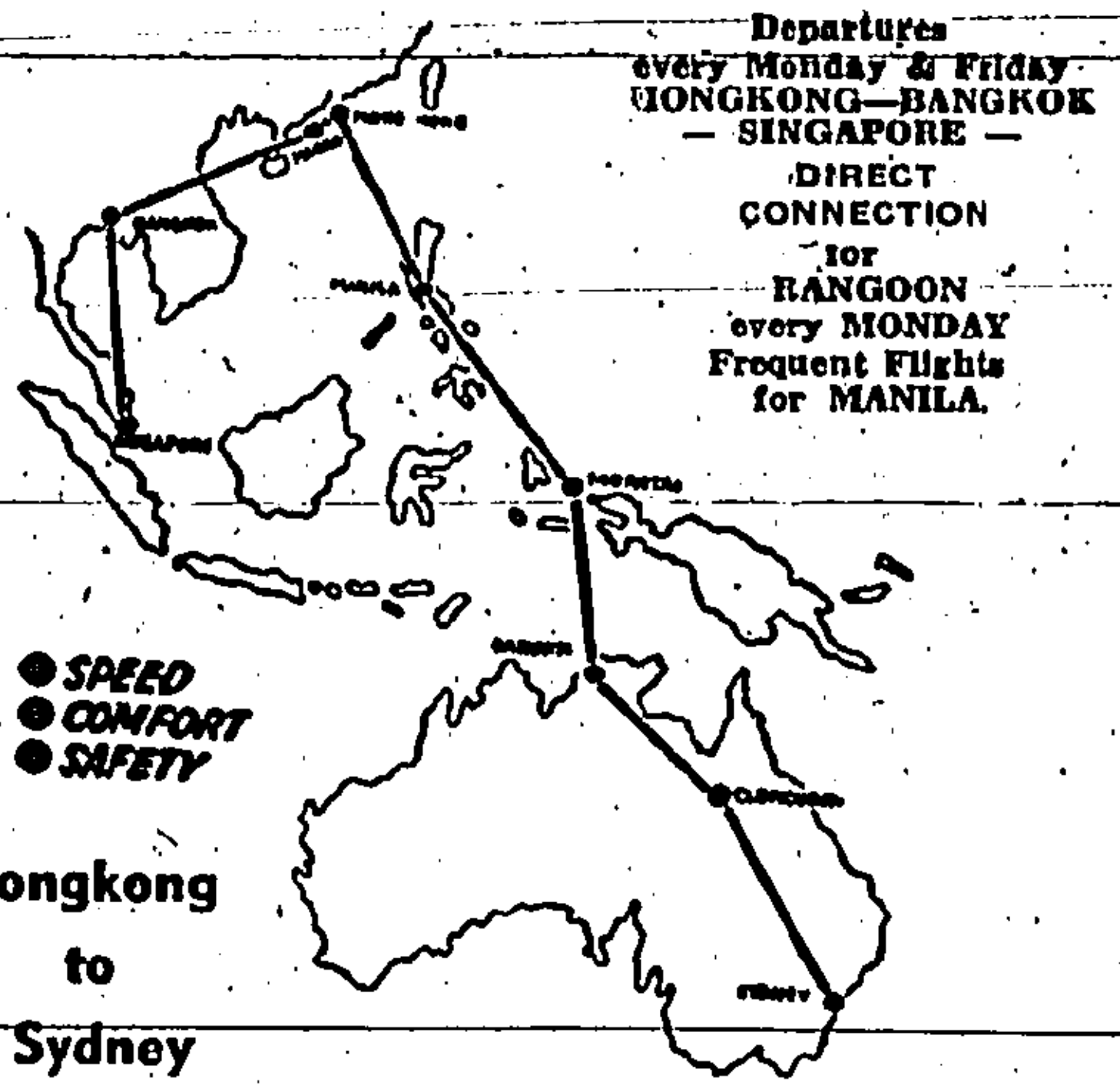
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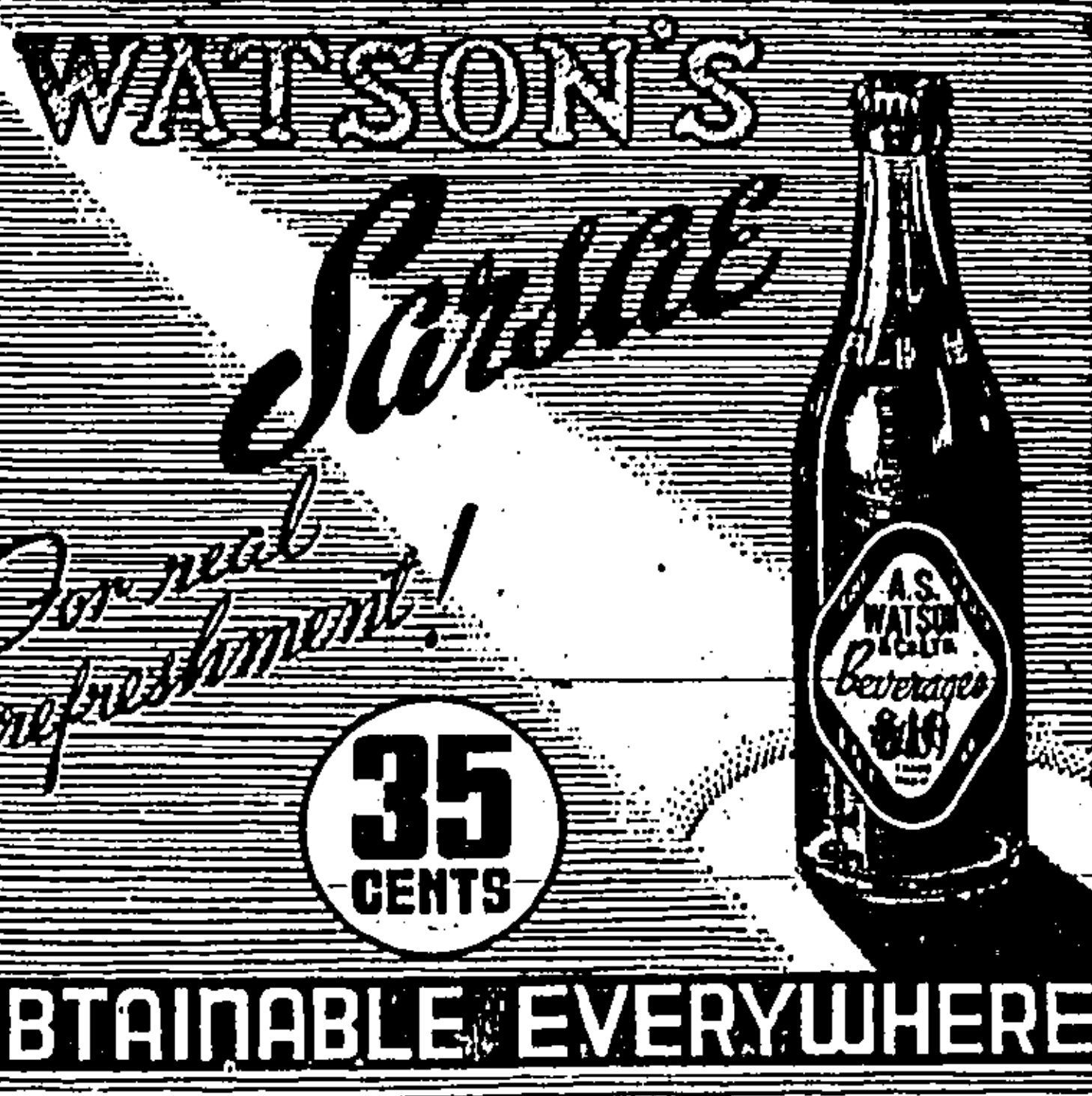
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REVOLUTIONARY ENGINE

Britain Produces First Automobile Gas Turbine

Surprise Exhibit At B.I.F.

London, May 2.

The world's first automobile gas turbine engine is now in existence—and it has been produced by Britain, the British Press Association reported today.

Following a weekend of intense activity by two of Britain's leading scientists, the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair is to exhibit it immediately, it was announced last night by Patrick Johnson, executive director of the government-owned Power Jets (Research and Development) Company.

The prototype, which will revolutionise transport and industry, will be on view to the public on the smallest stand in the section.

This five foot, 250 pound engine, which is the herald of the gearless clutchless and radiatorless motorcar of the near future, was today taken by its inventors, R. H. Darr and Geoffrey White, by lorry to Birmingham.

News of its existence, which gives Britain a firm lead in the international race to get such an engine on the patent records, has come as a surprise even to the industry for it is only a week since George Strauss, the Minister of Supply, announced that

British scientists were "on the verge" of producing units which would bridge the power gap from internal combustion to atomic propulsion.

Behind The Scenes

This is the story of this sudden step forward as told by Johnson:

"Two years ago three men who had been working with Air Commodore Frank Whittle on gas turbine development went off on their own and started an organisation called Centrax Power Units, Limited," he said.

"I knew they had something under their hat, but I had no idea until Saturday morning that they had actually completed their prototype."

"We were intending to exhibit at Birmingham one of the more out of the way applications of the gas turbine, when a technical colleague casually suggested that the inventors might be willing to have their engine exhibited."

"The engine develops about 150-160 brake horsepower which makes it the equivalent of the modern 35-horsepower engine such as is used in a large car or bus."

"In other words, you have only to button this thing underneath the floor of a large car or lorry and forget about it."

Any Kind Of Fuel

The remarkable thing about the new engine is that it will run on any kind of fuel. Its "natural" fuel is diesel oil, but in Johnson's own words, "you can, if you like, pour in petrol, paraffin—or even old candle ends."

In fact, anything that you can burn with a continuous flame can be used as fuel. I would say that in 10 or 15 years time we shall be happily using kerosene to run our cars."—Associated Press.

Falling Down On Scrap

London, May 2.

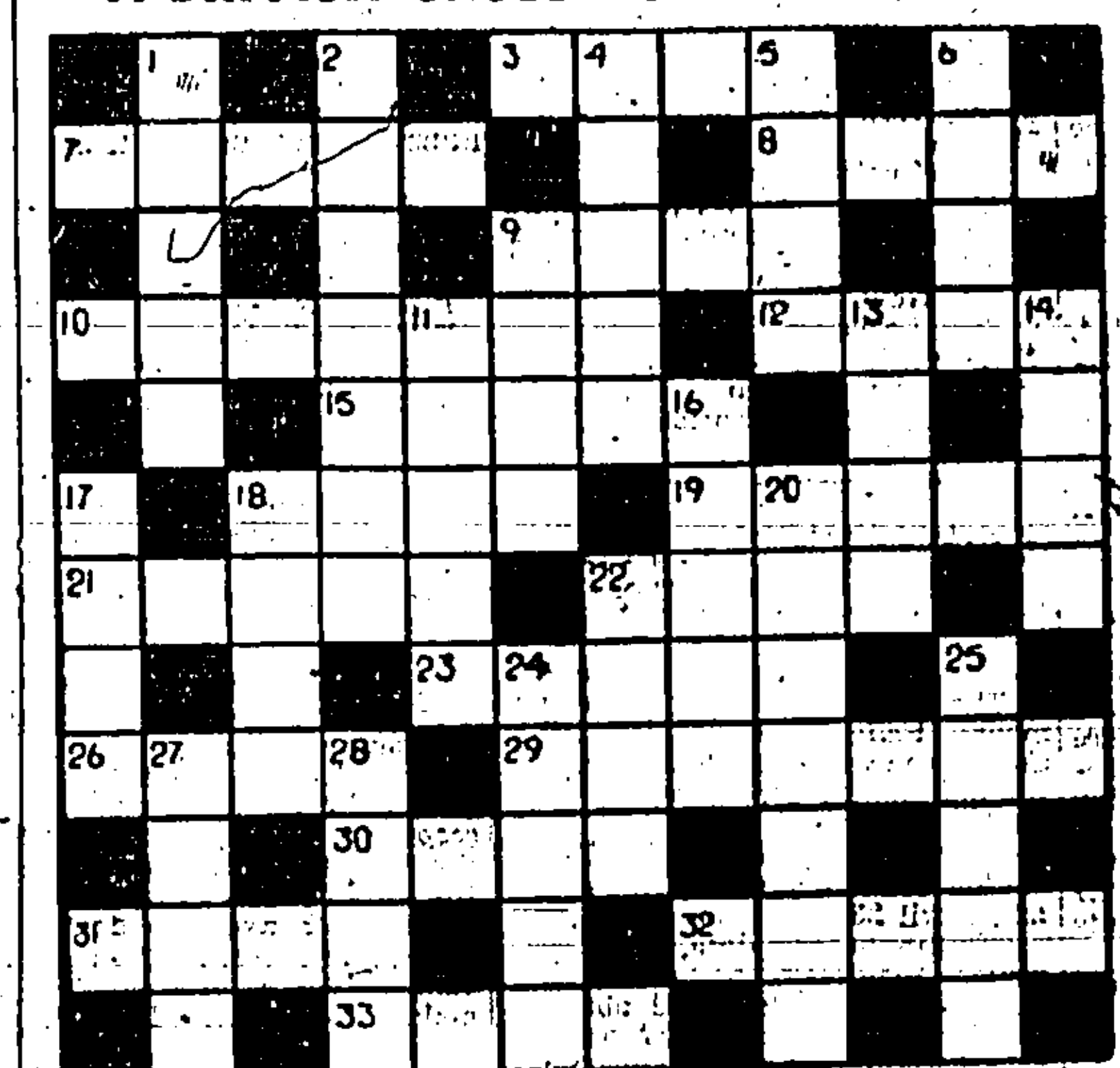
The British Iron and Steel Federation complained today that the Government is falling down on scrap imports from Germany.

It said that this, combined with competition from Germany for high grade Swedish ores, threatens to lower the present record rate of production in Britain.

"Supplies of commercial scrap coming forward out of an aggregate of 10,000,000 tons which a recent American report has stated is available in Germany are almost negligible," the Federation's monthly bulletin said.

The bulletin said scrap imports during the first quarter of this year were nearly 400,000 tons below the annual rate planned by the Government. Coke imports, it said, were about 200,000 tons short.—Associated Press.

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Clues Across

- 3 Denuded.
- 7 Brief.
- 8 Disorderly retreat.
- 9 Flank.
- 10 Unyielding.
- 12 Colourless.
- 15 Stage shows.
- 18 Error.
- 19 Mischievous trick.
- 21 Confusion.
- 22 Vein of coal.
- 23 Wanderer.
- 26 Labels.
- 30 Strict liver.
- 32 Versifier.
- 33 Trap.
- 33 Tidy.

Clues Down

- 1 Scold.
- 2 Tread down.
- 4 Lament.
- 5 Brought up.
- 6 One of the cats.
- 9 Break in twos.
- 11 Foreign.
- 13 Quantity of paper.
- 14 Cook.
- 16 Weapon.
- 17 Tread out.
- 18 Hit hard.
- 20 Shining.
- 22 Speck of dirt.
- 24 Musical drama.
- 25 Ward off.
- 27 Summit.
- 28 Rotule.
- 29 Extols.
- 31 Avoid.
- 32 Sheaf.
- 33 Demand.
- 34 Penitent.
- 35 Work.
- 36 Beret.
- 37 Slang.
- 38 Inter.
- 39 Esteemed.
- 40 Order.
- 41 Luster.
- 42 Sabot.
- 43 Ideal.
- 44 Urge.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Paused, 7 Ebon, 9 Alone, 10 Miner, 11 Icks, 13 Indefinite, 15 Etna, 16 Foot, 18 Requesting, 22 Rude, 24 Remit, 25

All The Ingredients

Glasgow, May 2.

There was no more reason why Britain should go to war with Russia "because of ideological differences" than with the United States, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, declared here today.

He stressed, however, in an address to a demonstration that "there are ingredients in the international situation that unless we are vigilant, are calculated to promote a further conflict."—Reuter.

NEW SCOPE FOR TOURISTS

Shanghai, May 3.

The U.S. State Department has notified Pan-American World Airways that restrictive orders have been lifted on pleasure travel to New Zealand, Australia, Fiji Islands, Shanghai, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Siam.

Previously, it was impossible to obtain tourist passports to some of these countries and difficult to lift them to others, due to restrictions growing out of the war and the present unsettled conditions.—Reuter.

Reds In Shipping Industry

London, May 2.

The British Mercantile Marine Service Association has called for a careful control and selection of entries into sea-faring because of "an attempt on the part of Communist factions to infiltrate into the industry with a view to acquiring power."

The Association said in its annual report that some larger ships already had seamen's Communist committees aboard.

The potential threat which this implies must surely be calculated to disturb all those who subscribe to democratic beliefs, it added.

The report also urged the firm establishment of British ships on world trade routes before competition developed.—Reuter.

VON OPEL PASSES

Wiesbaden, May 2.

Wilhelm von Opel, 76, German automobile manufacturer who once was called the Henry Ford of Germany, died today.—Associated Press.

President Truman Placating South

Washington, May 2.

The Democratic National Chairman, Mr. J. Howard McGrath, today denied the existence of a Southern Democratic revolt against President Truman and his racial rights programme.

He said instead there was merely an intra-Party difference of opinion on which the Republicans have tried to capitalize.

Mr. McGrath also said, in a broadcast, that the President never had any intention of invading the constitutional rights of the Southern States by proposing the programme.

He predicted confidently that Truman would be returned to the White House in November as the "main bulwark against the imposition of laws which might imperil our way of life, and that includes the Southern way of life."

McGrath said President Truman's outstanding trait was "his honesty." "His directness is one of his greatest assets. He plays no politics with great major issues. He makes his decisions on the basis of what is best for all people."

The Democratic chairman then said it was "possible" but "not likely" that Henry Wallace would "spoil" the Democrats' chances of carrying Pennsylvania, Illinois and California.—United Press.

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"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	5th June
"TREVVOSE"	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	17th June
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CRITICAL POSITION ON STRIKE FRONT

Chicago, May 2.

Federal mediators will plunge tomorrow into a new week of talks on the impending national railroad strike, while the CIO packinghouse strikers face a threat from Wilson & Company to return or forfeit their jobs.

Wilson—one of the four meat packers—warned the strikers to return to work at Chicago and Mid-West plants by Monday or be "replaced."

Two weeks ago, Armour & Company invited the strikers to return—but without the threat of

replacement—in a move that touched off a wave of picket line clashes.

Frank P. Douglas, chairman of the National Railway Mediation Board, has scheduled another meeting with railroad representatives here on Monday after a series of separate and fruitless conferences with the carriers and railroad Brotherhoods last week.

In Detroit, the CIO United Auto Workers Union and the Chrysler Corporation were scheduled to continue negotiations on Monday in the wage dispute that caused the big union to set the strike date at May 12 for 75,000 Chrysler production workers.

The six-week-old packing house strike was further darkened by an announcement of the CIO stockholders that they would meet on Tuesday to consider the wage strike.

Elsewhere work stoppages continued among brewery workers at Milwaukee, construction workers at Buffalo, N.Y., and foundry workers at Chicago—United Press.

Trade

Unionists Clash

Rome, May 2.

British and Soviet delegates clashed over British charges that the World Federation of Trade Unions was being "abused for Communist Party ends" when the Executive met in a closed session here today.

Mr. Arthur Deakin, the WFTU President and Secretary of the British Transport and General Workers Union, had a brisk exchange with M. Vassili Kuznetsov, the chief Russian delegate, who referred to Mr. Deakin's charges in a speech lasting over an hour.

Mr. Deakin is understood to have expressed the British insistence that the Federation should be a strictly trade union and not a political body.

It is believed that the British and American delegates are determined to press the issue.

Parisian Underground Strike

Paris, May 2.

Wearry Parisians queued on the Metro (underground) station platforms today as a two-day strike by 1,400 underground workers continued.

In some cases they had to wait 80 minutes.

Above ground, the capital's overtaxed bus system tried to cope with the crowds and almost every bus stop had its queue.

The strikers, members of the autonomous "Traction" Union, are protesting against the recent wage reclassifications. Unions affiliated to the Communist-led General Labour Confederation are not striking. They say that negotiations with the management are still possible.

The full effect of the strike did not become apparent until today.

About 400 drivers of non-striking unions went to work today. An official statement said that almost half the trains were running.

Under the new wage proposals, the pay of a driver with under five years' experience would be cut by 1,000 francs.—Reuter.

Alexandria, May 2.

Two minesweepers of the Egyptian Royal Navy, recently acquired from the United States, left Alexandria unexpectedly this afternoon for Port Said.

Unconfirmed reports suggested that they were heading for Palestine waters.—Reuter.

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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 3.

First effects of the European recovery programme on the non-ferrous metals market were noted during the past week.

With ERP a fact, foreign buyers began to release dollar exchange for metal buying. European purchases increased, but world price levels were mostly unchanged.

Domestic copper was firm at 21½ cents a pound, Connecticut Valley. Some smaller foreign producers sold copper abroad at around 22 cents a pound, New York basis.

The Economic Cooperation Administration has tentatively scheduled sending to the 10 ERP nations in the next 15 months 1,020,000 metric tons of copper, 815,000 metric tons of lead and 743,000 metric tons of zinc.

With the US and the rest of the world consuming metal at a high rate, industry leaders said the US Government would be hard put to find copper and lead for stockpiling.

The price of foreign origin lead held at 10½ to 10¾ cents a pound, New York.

Domestic zinc held at 12 cents a pound, Saint Louis. Foreign zinc was 12½ cents, Gulf of Mexico.

Chinese tungsten ore sold at US\$27 a ton, duty paid, but domestic ore held at US\$30 a ton, delivered. Spanish and South American ore was being offered as other nations sought to increase their dollar exchange.

Quicksilver prices eased about US\$4 a flask, prices ranging from US\$75 to US\$77 a flask.

Silver supply and demand remained in balance with prices unchanged at 74½ cents an ounce, New York and 45 pence, London.

Other prices unchanged:—

Aluminium, 15 cents a pound in ingots, 14 cents in pigs.

Antimony, 36.12 cents a pound, New York and 33 cents a pound, London.

Bulk, Laredo, Texas, Nickel, 23½ cents a pound, Platinum, US\$98 an ounce wholesale, US\$101 retail.—Associated Press.

Money Market

The gold market re-opened after the weekend's weakness with operators disinclined to buy.

Opening and closing rates yesterday were \$331.50 and \$331.00 a tael; and highest and lowest rates of the day were \$334.00 and \$330.75 respectively.

Pinstripes opened at \$11.22½ a 100 and closed at the same figure at the 10th interval. There were no transactions in the afternoon. Highest rate of the day was \$11.27½.

Chinese National Currency were: Futures 7.25, 7.05, 7.1 cents. Spot 7.5, 7.7, 7.8 cents (for CN\$10,000).

Tenets like ten of his colleagues the day before, labelled the Communist tactics as dangerous for liberty and international cooperation.

It is of no little value for the reconstruction of Europe, that Great Britain, Denmark, Norway and Sweden are led by Social Democratic Governments, he said.

Erlander added, to attain satisfactory results, Sweden is willing to cooperate intimately with all progressive forces.

Sweden welcomes with joy the initiative towards economic co-operation between the nations of Europe, taken by the United States.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST PAPER SUSPENDED

Frankfurt, May 2.

The British Military Government tonight suspended the Cologne newspaper "Volksstimme" for one month for insulting the United States.

The "Volksstimme" printed insulting articles on February 11 and April 26.

On the latter date, a Communist manifesto, issued for May Day, was "a violent and abusive attack on the United States of America," the British announcement said.—United Press.

RICE RATIONING

Shanghai, May 3.

A sufficient supply of rice to continue the rationing programme in China's five major cities after the end of June, at which time it was expected to be concluded, was assured by Dr. Y. T. Miao, Chairman of the Executive Yuan's Commission for American relief supplies.

The fate of the rationing system primarily depends on the co-operation rendered by the public and organisations concerned.—Reuter.

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Dairy Farms (N) 57, 57, 57

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China Entertainment 35½, 35½, 35½

H.K. Construction (N) 5½, 5½, 5½

(N) 5½, 5½, 5½

Vibro Piling 14½, 14½, 14½

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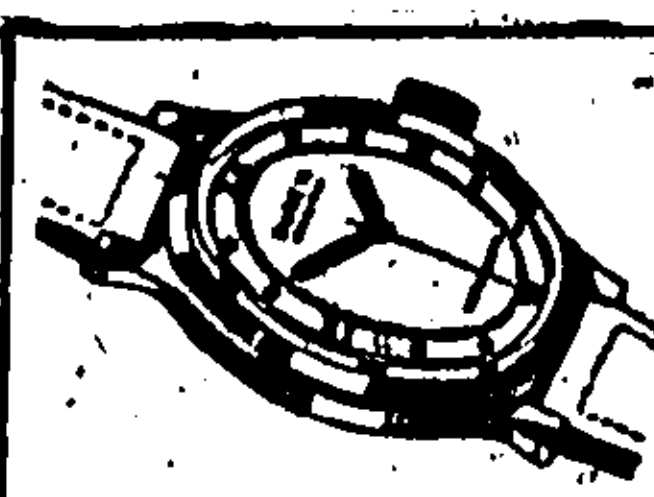
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Softball Trophy Dance

The success of the Annual Presentation Dance of the Hongkong Softball Association surpassed all expectations as supporters and fans in gaudy mood turned up in droves and occupied every nook and cranny of the spacious Peninsula Hotel Ball Room early in the evening, after which crowds still poured in and soon filled the verandah with the over-flow, until the S.O. sign had to be hung up.

Seated at the official table were Dr. Molten, the President of the Association, with Mrs. Molten, Mr. J. W. Anderson, Vice-President for the U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. Ehrlich of the Peninsula Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Bush (China Mail), Mr. and Mrs. Kwok Chan, Dr. A. M. Rodriguez, Dr. and Mrs. Alencar, Mr. A. el Arculli and Miss A. el Arculli.

The highlight of the evening came after supper when the various trophies were distributed after Dr. Molten had thanked the various prize donors and the "umpire" — the individual who contributed so much to the sport in the patient weekly discharge of his thankless task. The Junior Leagues were especially congratulated on their fine and spirited showing throughout the season.

Mr. Anderson presented the Molten Shield to Stan Leonard, of St. Joseph's, the Men's Senior League Champions for 1948, while Mr. Frank Bush handed over the China Mail Shield to Terry Noronha, captain of the Ladies Champions, the Wahoons.

Heather Trophy
Mr. Ernie Heather being away from the Colony at the moment, Doc Molten took a pinch-hitter's role by giving away the Heather trophy to the Braves, winners of the Junior League.

Mr. Ehrlich, deputizing for Mr. Fred Barry, presented the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels International Shield to Mr. A. M. Markar, manager of the Indian side which blazed through in a triumphant victory in the last series, while Mr. Kwok Chan gave the Bill W. Ladies' International Shield to the Portuguese contingent, winners for the year.

Annual awards for the Most Valuable Players in the three leagues — which were donated by Jidoo Hussain, were presented in person to Bill Woo ("A" Division), Girdle Gann (Ladies Division) and Junior Remedios ("B" Division). Jidoo Hussain also presented the Philo Remedios Award (Men's Batting) and the Hal Wingate Award (Ladies Batting) to Gerry Gosano and Jean Lee respectively.

A humorous side-light was introduced when Secretary Hal Wingate announced the award of a bat to Doc Molten, received from an anonymous, but obviously ardent, supporter of Doc Molten's Men's Team, the Hongkong Baseballers, of whom it was said, never owned a bat of their own at any time during the whole season.

Special mention must be made of the following donors of special prizes: S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Nan Kung Co., The Evergreen Co.

Japanese Trade Talk Comment

Manila, May 3.
The American-owned "Daily Bulletin" in an editorial on the Philippine-American top-level talks on Philippine-Japanese trade, which opened this morning, said:

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"There is general fear of encroachments that would be harmful to the economy of this struggling young Republic. It will be well for SCAP representatives to keep this psychological factor clearly in mind throughout the conference."

The newspaper also said the Japanese wanted to buy copra and hemp and to export textiles and that this does not appear to the Philippine Government as especially desirable. Apparently there is a strong disposition by the Philippine Government to dictate its own terms in any resumption of trade with Japan.

—United Press.

Sequel To Death Of Night Driver

A submission that he was entitled to see original statements made by a witness for the prosecution and then to decide whether or not to put such statements in evidence, was put forward by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the trial of Leung Wing and Leung Ngau aged 24, on a charge of murder, commenced before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

It was contended by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, that once the statements were shown to Mr. Bernacchi, they must be put in as evidence. The point will be argued at length this morning.

Mr. Lonsdale assisted by Det. Insp. G. E. Willerton, is conducting the case for the prosecution. Both accused are defended by Mr. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, of Tso & Hodgson.

After a jury of four women and three men had been empanelled, Mr. Justice Williams enquired if any of them had objections, on principle, to hearing a capital charge involving the death penalty. There was no objection.

The accused are charged with the murder of Ip Wunmin, 33-year-old motor car driver of the Dragon Motor Company.

Employed As Driver
For the Crown, Mr. Lonsdale said deceased was employed as a night driver by the Dragon Motor Company. On the night in question, he left the garage with a public vehicle at about 8 p.m. Nothing more was known of him until he was found in Victoria Road, about 11.40 p.m. He was slumped over the wheel with blood on his face.

The car was some distance away with the lights on and doors open. There were blood stains behind the steering wheel and on the left hand front door. Under the steering wheel was a grey felt hat and a 19 cent note about 15 yards away was a knife stained with blood. Pieces of bloodstained paper, indicating the line of sight towards the waterfront, were also found.

Next day, as the result of a report, the police went to a tenhouse and found both accused and a man named Wan Kam. They were questioned. Both denied knowledge about the incident. First accused said he was with his younger sister and nephew from 5 p.m. onwards, while the second accused said he was not in the Colony at the time. As they were not satisfied, the Police took them to the station. Wan Kam accompanied them for further inquiries.

At the station, the knife, coat and two hats were shown. Wan Kam said, in the presence of both accused, that the coat was his and that it was borrowed by first accused on the night of the crime. First accused said this was correct. He was immediately cautioned.

Mado Statements
Accused were under the impression that Wan was also under arrest, as they asked the Police to release him, saying he had nothing to do with the matter. Subsequently second accused made statements to the effect that a man named Li Fei stabbed the driver.

Evidence would be given by Wan Kam that both accused went to the cooie quarters in Central Market and left with Li Fei. First accused borrowed Wan's raincoat and hat, while second accused was wearing a grey felt hat. About 1 a.m. second accused returned and told Wan that he, first accused and Li Fei had tried to rob a driver in Kennedy Town, but the three were not strong enough to overcome their victim, that another car came along and they had to run away without taking any money. According to Wan, second accused also told him that it was Li who stabbed the driver in Kennedy Town, but the three were not strong enough to overcome their victim, that another car came along and they had to run away without taking any money.

The order, ending frontier controls and permitting the resumption of road, rail and sea traffic, was accompanied by an order ending the emergency alert for all Allied personnel.

Authoritative sources said that the riots might seriously impair Italian relations with the local Allied authorities. Ten persons were injured and 23 arrested in the curfew hours.

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Home Batsmen Worried

Leicestershire scored 50 runs for three wickets by lunch time today in the second day of their match against Australia's cricket tourists.

Leicestershire's innings began dramatically, Bill Johnson, quick left-arm, bowler, bowled a good first over. Then Loxton, faster and right handed, knocked Berry's middle stump flying with his third ball in England.

The Leicestershire batsmen looked far from comfortable against the pace men and even more worried when a double change brought on Ian Johnson with his off breaks and Ring with leg spinners.

Ring bowled outside the off stump and the batsmen wisely left most of his deliveries alone. Eventually, Lester could restrain himself no longer and chased a leg-break, he failed to get over the ball and nicked it to the wicket-keeper.

Tompkin also fell to Ring just before the interval, which was taken at 50 for three.

When fielding a hard drive from Tompkin, Bill Johnson twisted a knee and left the field.

SCORES

Leicestershire—First Innings	
L.G. Berry, b Loxton	1
C. Lester, c Siggers, b Ring	19
F.T. Prentice, not out	18
M. Tompkin, b.w., b Ring	15
Extras	3
Total for three	50

—Reuter.

Communists Launch New Offensive

Shanghai, May 3.
After weeks of preparations, the Communist forces in Southern Jehol Province attacked along a 35-mile front today, south of the railway linking Chengteh, the provincial capital, with Pingchuan, according to pro-Government despatches.

Railway, telegraph and telephone communication between these two cities have been interrupted but Nationalist troops are said to be holding their own at all points being attacked.

The strength of the Red forces committed to the new offensive is unknown but the Nationalist command had completed deployments and strengthened the defences for some time to cope with the expected drive.

Meanwhile, some 200,000 Nationalist and Communist troops are locked in a desperate fight in the Hu-Lintse sector of the

Trieste Border Controls Lifted

By Edgar Clark
Trieste, May 2.
The Allied authorities announce that the stringent border controls designed to keep Yugoslav Communists out of Anglo-American occupied Trieste over the May Day weekend were lifted at 5 a.m. on Monday.

Anglo-American officers said that holiday disturbances were caused by Italian rather than Yugoslav elements.

The announcement followed reports that relations between the Anglo-American authorities and Italian residents have chilled as a result of the May Day incidents.

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ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DENOUNCED BY KMT REVOLUTIONARIES

Chinese Dollar Slump

Shanghai, May 5.
The Chinese dollar dropped in value today on the Shanghai black market until it took 850,000 of them to buy one United States dollar.

The yuan has now shrunk in value 73 per cent in the last 30 days which saw the fastest rate of deterioration since inflation began almost ten years ago.

The swift fall of the yuan was blamed in part to flight of capital from North China to escape Communist armies. This flood of idle capital accelerates bidding for United States dollars on the black market as owners attempt to convert their wealth into stable currency.

In an attempt to stop speculation on the money market, the Government tightened up on banks here, instructing them to abide by laws prohibiting temporary overdrafts in current accounts. —Associated Press.

KOREANS CAUGHT

Tokyo, May 3.
The Mairichi reported today that the Japanese police arrested 58 Koreans attempting to smuggle themselves into Japan on Sunday at a port on the Japan Sea coast of Yamaguchi Prefecture of Western Honshu.

They arrived aboard a 20-ton vessel. —United Press.

Boxer Sentenced

Johannesburg, May 3.
Cornelius Neluwoy, 21-year-old South African boxer, was today sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour.

His crime was the guilty of culpable homicide on Douglas Barry Bruce, an Englishman, whose burnt and charred body was found in an oil-drum near Fryburg last August. —Reuter.

Japan's New Constitution One Year Old

Tokyo, May 3.
The Japanese Government formally observed the first anniversary of the new constitution in a ceremony featuring Emperor Hirohito, whose powers have been whittled down under the terms of that document.

The brief ceremony, in the House of Councillors noted the first birthday of the constitution and hoped for the emergence of a peaceful, cultural Japan.

The ceremony was held in the huge auditorium of the House of Councillors at 11 a.m. Long before that hour, approximately 100 seats allotted to Japanese spectators, were filled. —Associated Press.

Marshal Li Chai-sum's Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang and the China Democratic League yesterday issued statements denouncing and refusing to recognise the legality of convention of the National Assembly in Nan-king and the elections which took place.

As Chairman of the Revolutionary Committee, Marshal Li declared: "We solemnly declare that we shall never recognise any decisions, including legislative and executive measures and any treaties signed with foreign powers by the Government produced as a result of the puppet National Assembly."

Marshal Li denounced the National Assembly, concluded a few days ago with the election of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as President and General Li Tsung-jen as Vice-President, as a "necessary trick" of the Kuomintang reactionary group to "cheat" the people.

Calling upon "all our Kuomintang comrades" and the Chinese people to fight for eliminating "our public enemy No. 1 and putting an end to the traitorous, dictatorial regime," Marshal Li declared that "the President and Vice-President elected according to a puppet constitution can never be recognised by the Chinese people but as criminals of the Republic of China."

Yesterday's statement by the spokesman of the China Democratic League was of a similar tone. "The object of the 'First National Assembly' and its 'elections,'" he said, is to hold on to their dictatorial power and to obstruct American imperialists' aid to prolong the civil war.

He concluded: "A real independent, democratic, peaceful, and prosperous new China can only be realised through our League's programme—the setting up of a coalition Government by all democratic parties and groups through real democratic procedure."

SPEED BOAT RECORD ATTEMPT

Salton Sea, California, May 3.
Orchestra leader Guy Lombardo will attempt today to smash Sir Malcolm Campbell's world speed boat record in this vast body of salt water in the middle of the southern California desert.

Conditions appeared favourable for Lombardo's attempt in his Tempo IV. If he cannot crack Sir Malcolm's mark of 141.74 miles per hour, he hopes at least to break Gar Wood's American record of 124.815 miles per hour.

The Briton set the world mark in 1939 at Lake Coniston in England. —Associated Press.

Russia The Main Obstacle To Peace

Edinburgh, May 2.
Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Defence Minister, said here tonight that Russian policy was "the main obstacle to a peace which the vast majority of the people throughout the world ardently desired."

Because of the "non-cooperative attitude" of a great nation, which, in alliance with Britain, had rendered a powerful service to the world by playing a brave and tremendous part in crushing German militarism, "this peace could not be obtained, Mr. Alexander said.

The Russian people must remember, he added, that "to try to force their ideas of government on people who do not look at things in the same way as they do is neither decent nor diplomatic."

The great American nation is accused of self-interest and expansionist intentions; she who has genuinely provided practical help for people who are suffering from the effects of a devastated world.

"Why is it wrong for the Western nations to get together when the nations of Eastern Europe already have done so. Is that a good policy?"

Italy has decided what direction she will take and she has chosen well.

If Britain and other nations benefitting under Marshall aid took full advantage of it, it is the knowledge that it was their last chance, the Defence Minister continued, then there will be an upward trend in the standard of living of all the people and will lead to an expanding and an abiding prosperity. —Reuter.

U.S. Baseball

Pirates Hold Lead

New York, May 2.
In the National League, Pittsburgh Pirates caught up with Evell Blackwell, star right-hander of the Cincinnati Reds, to maintain their half game lead over the Giants in the League race. Pittsburgh took the game 6-4.

Left fielder Ralph Kiner drove in four runs with two homers. Blackwell, who whipped the Pirates twice this year, lasted only five innings.

First baseman Johnny Mize's home run highlighted a four-run sixth inning to give the New York Giants a 5-1 victory over the Boston Braves.

Brooklyn Dodgers moved above the Cardinals by dividing a doubleheader with Philadelphia. Duke Snyder led the Brooklyn attack with a pair of homers, a triple and a single. Ken Heintzelman shut out the Cardinals in the second game, pitching no hit ball for 6 2/3 innings. Philadelphia took this 2-0.

Pitchers Slapped
Chicago Cubs slapped five Cardinal pitchers for 10 hits, to trounce the Cards 13-4. The Cubs tallied seven times in the seventh.

In the American League, Ted Williams knocked in five runs with a two-run homer and a triple while Boston was defeating the Yankees, winning 7-1. Shortstop Junior Stephens homered after Williams cleared the bases in the eighth.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cincinnati	4	11	0
Pittsburgh	6	10	0
(Winning pitcher Mel Queen)			
Boston	1	3	2
New York	5	6	2
(Winning pitcher Larry Janson)			
Brooklyn	9	13	0
(1st game)			
Philadelphia	6	13	0
(Winning pitcher Rex Barney)			
Brooklyn	0	4	1
(2nd game)			
Philadelphia	2	8	0
(Winning pitcher Ken Heintzelman)			
Chicago	13	10	2
Saint Louis	4	8	1
(Winning pitcher Bob Feller)			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	7	12	1
Boston	7	12	0
(Winning pitcher Joe Debnson)			
Detroit	4	8	0
Cleveland	2	3	2
(Winning pitcher Fred Hutchinson)			
Philadelphia	4	7	0
Washington	3	10	2
(Winning pitcher Joe Coleman)			

—Associated Press.

Palestine

(Continued from Page 1)
The paper said the British stipulated in return the Arabs must not carry out any military operations in the Jerusalem, Nazareth, Beikhtan, and Jaffa areas until the end of the British mandate if British forces were to protect those four cities. The dispatch said British troops are adequate to repel any Jewish attacks in the four areas.

Al Ahran said King Abdullah gave the newspaper the message for Palestine Arabs assuring them they have "no fears from now on" and requesting them to stand and fight.

Pope's Appeal

Vatican City, May 3.
Pope Pius today issued an encyclical letter calling for a world truce for a just solution in Palestine.

In a special month of May letter, the Pope pointed out Palestine, with its sorrowful events of almost daily devastations, killings and ruins, as the world's trouble spot.

The Pope, in the first portion of today's 2,000-word letter, acknowledged that some progress had been made in rebuilding the world since the war but added:

"Although war has ended almost everywhere the desired peace has not yet calmed the hearts and minds. Instead, one still sees a sky with threatening clouds."

Turning to Palestine, the Pope said: "In the present moment there is another motive which afflicts and saddens our hearts very much. We mean to refer to the holy places in Palestine which for a long time has been perturbed by sorrowful events and which almost every day are devastated by new killings and ruins."

Yet if there is a region in the world which should be particularly dear to every soul well born and civil, this should certainly be Palestine from where the light of truth springs for all humanity. Chords of angels announced peace on earth to man good will, and finally where Jesus Christ, suspended from the tree of a cross, brought salvation to all mankind. —United Press.

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